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AND MY RESOLUTION IS TO TEST YOUR RESOLVE WITH MY BODY.
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ワケあって第四兄弟で暮らしている戸浦家。しかし、それぞれがひとクセある性格なので、ハウスキーパーが全然居着かない。そんな戸浦家に、新しいハウスキーパーの真之介がやってくる。着実に仕事をこなす真之介だが、ある日、四兄弟の中で「彼は父の隠し子では？」という疑惑が持ち上がり

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PROFILE

Born 15th Oct., Libra, Blood type AB
Favourite season: Winter
Favourite colour: For some reason, it's orange
Troubles: I can't seem to get thin.
Favourite thing: Bacchan's diary

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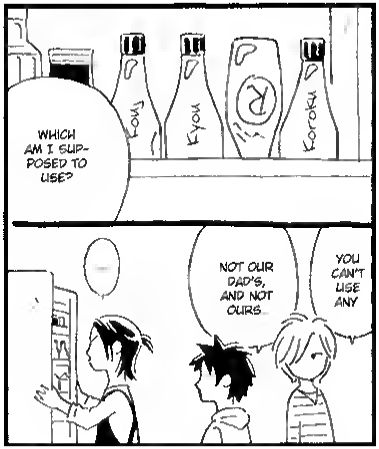
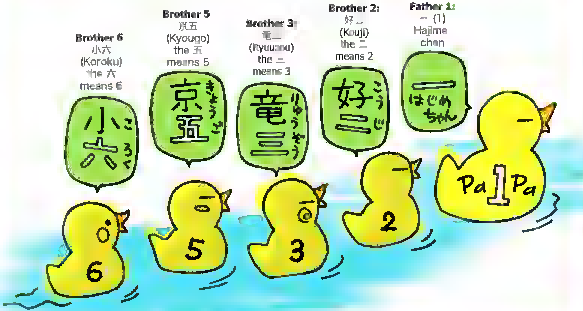
Hand-made new mayonnaise
Shunsuke
OF COURSE NOT
It looks so good. Can I try some?


Kou
Kyou
Koroku
WHICH AM I SUPPOSED TO USE?
NOT OUR DAD'S, AND NOT OURS.
YOU CAN'T USE ANY

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE ON THE TOURA BROTHERS' NAMES

In Home Drama, all the brothers have been given names with a number in it which shows which order they were born in.



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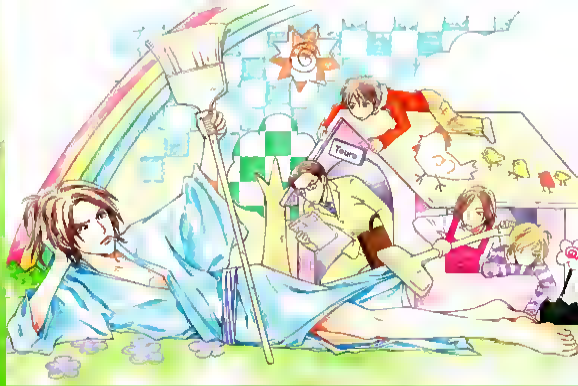
Toura



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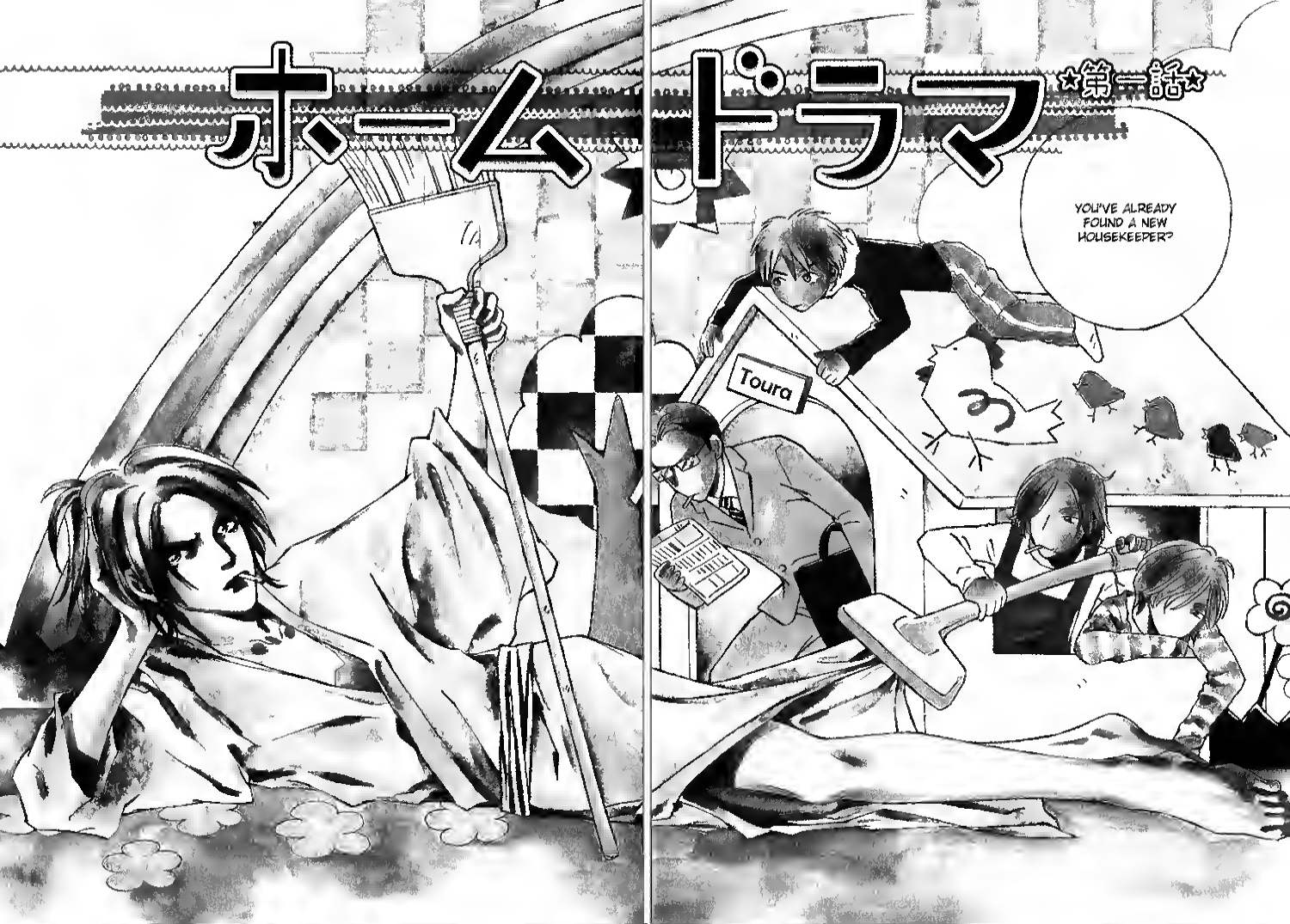
Toura Hajime

I QUIT!
SOLO
SOLO
Step
HELLO? OH, HI THERE, HAJIME-CHAN. HOW'S AMERICA?
EH? THE HOUSEKEEPER? IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAD ENOUGH ALREADY. THIS ONE DIDN'T EVEN LAST THREE DAYS.
I REALLY THINK WHAT OUR HOME NEEDS ISN'T A HOUSE-KEEPER, BUT A MOTHER'S LOVE...
HUH?


ホームドラマ
☆第一話☆
YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND A NEW HOUSEKEEPER?
Toura

The woman's evil.
WELL, WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GO AND COOK SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS ON THE VERY FIRST DAY?
ANYWAY, I BET SHE LEFT BECAUSE YOU AND YOUR WEIRD FRIENDS MADE HER WORK TOO HARD!!
Fourth son: Kotaku (14)
sigh
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR BEING PICKY WITH YOUR FOOD AND MAKING HER RE-DO IT ALL THE TIME...
Third son: Kyouya (17)
YEAH. THEY'RE ALL REFUSING TO TAKE THE BLAME, AS USUAL
CAN'T YOU GET SOMEONE A BIT MORE, Y'KNOW, ENDURING?
AND IF THEY'RE A LIVE-IN WORKER, THAT'D BE A BONUS FOR ME.
Second son: Ryunzou (28)
I HAVE TO SAY THE LAST ONE WASN'T VERY GOOD AT COOKING AND THE LESS SAID ABOUT HER CLEANING AND IRONING THE BETTER.
TO THINK SHE HAD THE GALL TO DEMAND MONEY AS A PROFESSIONAL
Eldest son: Kouyo (31)

ding-dong
SO, WHEN'S THIS NEW ONE COMING? WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE TIME, AS LONG AS IT'S SOON EH? ALREADY ON THE WAY?
YOU MUST HAVE GUESSED WE'D HAVE DRIVEN THE LAST ONE OUT BY NOW. LET'S HEAR IT FOR HAJIME-CHAN!
STARTING TODAY, BY REQUEST OF YOUR FATHER, TOURA HAJIME, I'LL BE WORKING AS A LIVE-IN HOUSE-KEEPER WHILE HE'S WORKING OVER-SEAS
THE NAME'S AMAMIYA SHINNO-SUKE
Clo
Checking out the goods
stare
I NEVER HEARD OF A MALE HOUSE-KEEPER BEFORE!
HMM, THAT'S A GOOD NAME

HE'S GOING TO LIVE HERE? MAN, WHAT A DRAG...
I HEARD YOU'RE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF OUR FATHER?
MY MOTHER WORKED AT THE SAME COMPANY BRANCH IN SHIZUOKA AS YOUR FATHER THEY USED TO BE GOOD FRIENDS
Our old man's as careless as ever
MY JOB DESCRIPTION IS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE HOUSE WORK HERE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS AND ON THE WEEKENDS ALL OTHER CONDITIONS WERE LEFT UP TO ME TO DECIDE.
SO I THINK I'LL START OFF BY WORKING TILL 9 IN THE EVENING AND THEN WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WITH YOU FOR THE WEEKENDS.
I'LL BE TAKING THE EMPTY ROOM UPSTAIRS MY LUGGAGE SHOULD BE ARRIVING SOON, SO...
FOR TODAY, I'LL GET SETTLED IN TO MY ROOM AND THEN PREPARE FOOD AND THE BATH I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAUNDRY TONIGHT, TOO
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS CLEANING URGENTLY, CHECK THE POCKETS AND THEN PUT IT IN THE LAUNDRY BASKET.

ding-dong
Delivery for you!
COMING
...
WELL, DO SOMETHING BEFORE HE WINS THE FIELD ENTIRELY!
step
step
SORRY, I WAS OVERPOWERED
RYUU-NII!? WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING? HOW COME HE'S IN CHARGE OF DECIDING EVERYTHING? JUST WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
WHATEVER HE AIN'T GONNA LAST MORE THAN A FEW DAYS, ANYWAY
WHAAAT!?
COME ON, WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE, KORO
HIS PREDECESSOR STORMED OUT WITHOUT MAKING US DINNER, WHICH MEANS I HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT SINCE THIS MORNING

NOPE
slap
HEY... HAVE WE MET BEFORE?
WHERE'S THE VACCUUM CLEANER?
← Over there
THINK HE'S ACTUALLY HAJIME-CHAN'S SECRET LOVE CHILD OR SOMETHING?
scratch scratch
WHAT, SO NOW YOU'RE CHATTING HIM UP BEFORE I EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE?
Excuse me
DON'T PUT ME IN THE SAME BOAT AS YOU. DIDN'T OUR FATHER TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIM?
NOT REALLY

I MEAN, THERE'S 10 YEARS BETWEEN KYOUGO AND ME HAVEN'T YOU EVER WONDERED? IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE OUR SKIRT-CHASER OF A DAD JUST TOOK A TEN-YEAR BREAK
AGE-WISE, HE'D SLOT IN NICELY BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
Koroku means 6.
Kyougo means 5.
Ryuuzou means 3
Kouji means 2.
Hajime-chan
PA 1 PA
6
5
3
2
Toura Family Conference
WHAT'S THE NEW GUY'S NAME AGAIN?
THERE'S NO 4 IN THAT NAME
SHINNOSUKE
WELL, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF HE HAD AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD OR TWO
YEAH, ME NEITHER
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT, RYUU-NII! DAD ALWAYS SAID HE SKIPPED THE 4 BECAUSE IT'S BAD LUCK!

T/N "4" can be read as "shi," the same pronunciation as the word "death." It's therefore considered an unlucky number in Japan

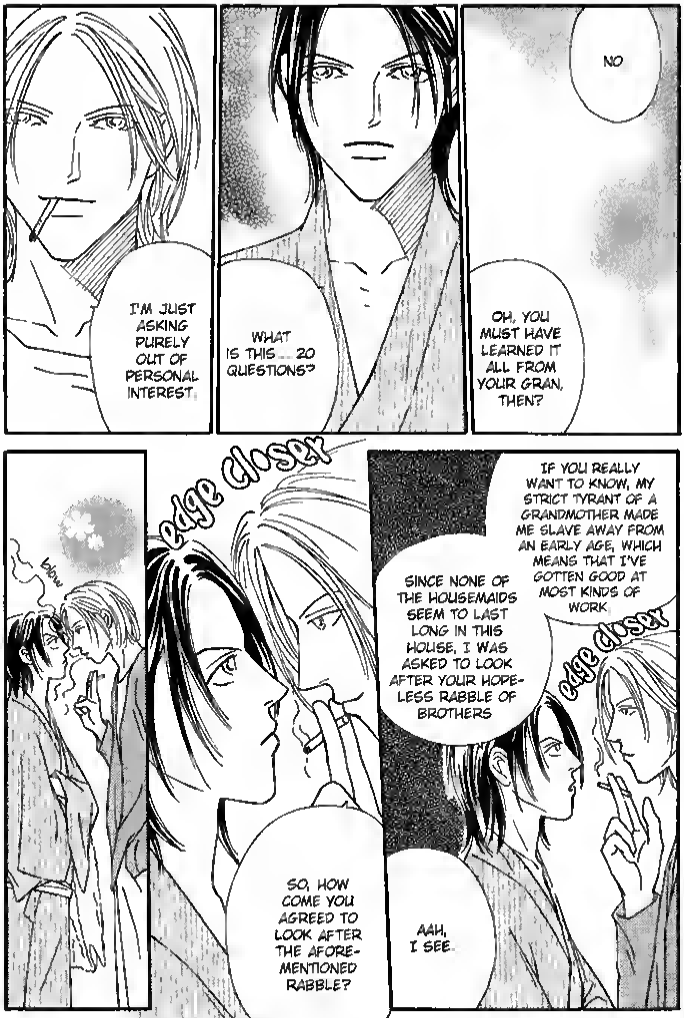
AND HAVING A GUY AS A HOUSEKEPER MEANS HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THE HARDER JOBS, TOO.
blow
LET'S JUST GO WITH IT FOR NOW. AS LONG AS HE MAKES HIMSELF USEFUL, WHO CARES
I'm fine with whomever
Push
WHAAAT!?
HANG ON, KYOUGO! ARE YOU JUST GOING TO LEAVE THAT GUY TO IT?
CALL ME WHEN DINNER'S READY

WE ALL KNOW THAT'S NOT YOUR ONLY INTENTION
CLOSE
a warm welcome.♡
a new male housekeeper
slide
...

WOW—♪
WHAT, ARE THOSE YOUR PYJAMAS?

YEAH...
HOW ABOUT YOUR DAD?
MY GRANDMOTHER RUNS TEA CEREMONY CLASSES... SHE ALWAYS SAID THAT WEARING A KIMONO IS THE NATURAL LOOK FOR JAPANESE.
IS THAT RIGHT? HOW ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, IS SHE ALWAYS WORKING?
NICE...

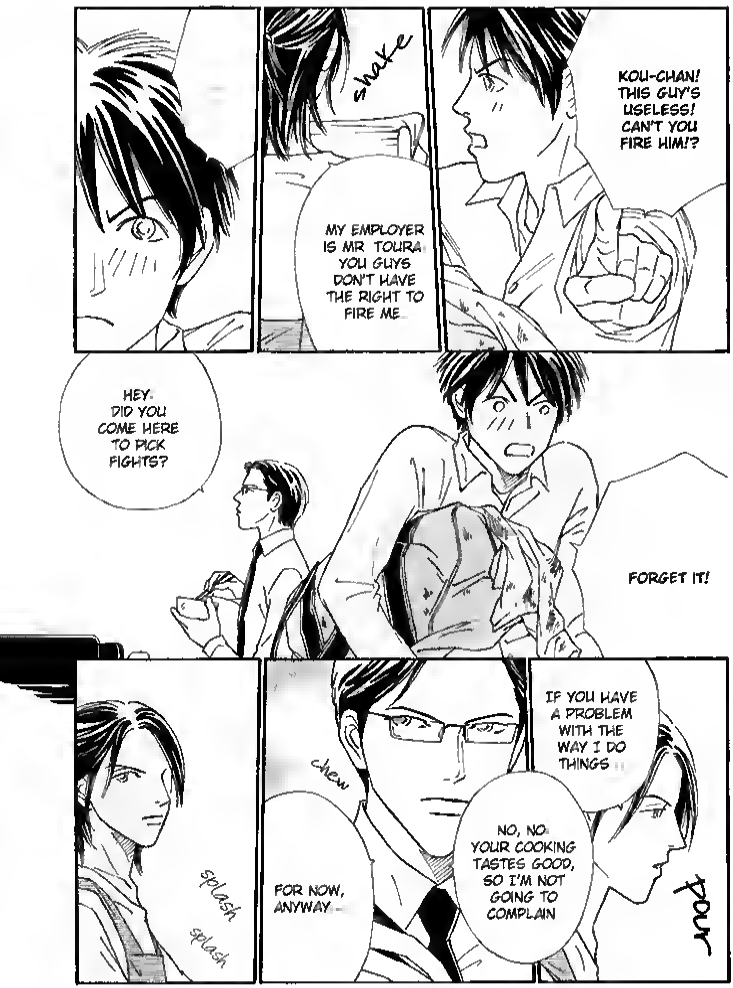
23
DINNER WAS REALLY GOOD
EVEN KOUJI DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT. DO YOU HAVE A CHEF'S LICENCE OR SOMETHING?
HE'S DEAD
OH, RIGHT... SO, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

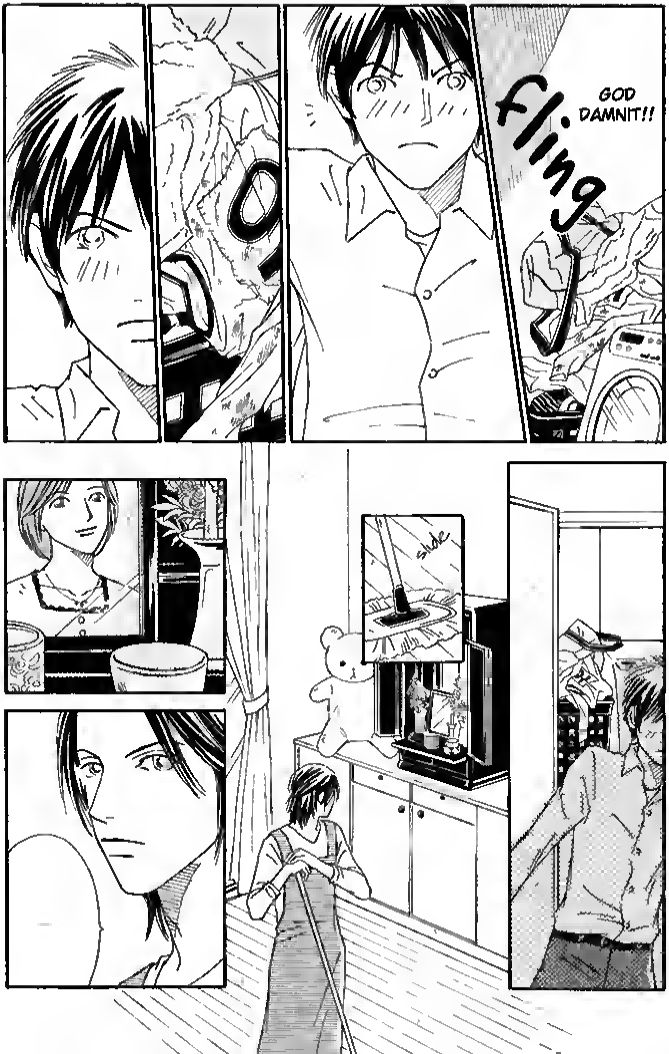

I'M JUST ASKING PURELY OUT OF PERSONAL INTEREST.
WHAT IS THIS ... 20 QUESTIONS?
NO.
OH, YOU MUST HAVE LEARNED IT ALL FROM YOUR GRAN, THEN?
edge closer
Mmm
SO, HOW COME YOU AGREED TO LOOK AFTER THE AFORE-MENTIONED RABBLE?
AAH, I SEE.
SINCE NONE OF THE HOUSEMAIDS SEEM TO LAST LONG IN THIS HOUSE, I WAS ASKED TO LOOK AFTER YOUR HOPE-LESS RABBLE OF BROTHERS
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, MY STRICT TYRANT OF A GRANDMOTHER MADE ME SLAVE AWAY FROM AN EARLY AGE, WHICH MEANS THAT I'VE GOTTEN GOOD AT MOST KINDS OF WORK.
edge closer

WHAT TIME IS IT RIGHT NOW?
HM? IT'S 5 MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT.
AH, BEFORE YOU GO TO BED, CAN YOU BRING SOME COFFEE AND SOME KIND OF SNACK TO MY ROOM?
—I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO RIGHT NOW,
OH, THAT'S ALL, IS IT?
step
I ONLY WORK TILL 9.
step
step
OH, RIGHT... DAMN, SO HAVING YOU LIVE HERE WON'T WORK OUT TO MY ADVANTAGE AFTER ALL.
DO YOU WORK FROM HOME OR SOMETHING?
YEAH, I'M A SCRIPT WRITER
WHAT, FOR TV DRAMAS AND STUFF?
WELL, YEAH. ANYWAY, NIGHT-NIGHT SHIN-CHAN.
BUM
TO THINK YOU'LL WEAR THAT EVERY NIGHT... I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE OFFERING SOME MONEY FOR THE PLEASURE.
HUH?

WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHERS?
clink
WELL, I'VE NEVER SEEN KYOUGO, HAVE BREAKFAST AND KOROKU HAS MORNING TRAINING, SO HE NEVER HAS TIME TO EAT.

HUH?
ARE YOU SURE WE HAVEN'T MET BEFORE?
WHAT?
RYUUZOU WORKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE NIGHT, SO YOU'D BETTER LET HIM SLEEP...
HEY!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? WHY HAVEN'T YOU WASHED IT!?
I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD MEMORY FOR THESE KINDS OF THINGS...
POUR
splash
splash
I TOLD YOU TO PUT YOUR THINGS IN THE LAUNDRY BASKET OR CAN'T YOU EVEN DO THAT MUCH?
ALL THE OTHER HOUSEKEEPERS WASHED IT! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING IN A TEST MATCH TODAY!
ANYTHING STUFFED IN A DIRTY BAG AND TOSSED INTO THE BATHROOM CORNER IS NONE OF MY CONCERN.


KOU-CHAN! THIS GUY'S USELESS! CAN'T YOU FIRE HIM!?
shake
MY EMPLOYER IS MR. TOURA. YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIRE ME.
HEY. DID YOU COME HERE TO PICK FIGHTS?
FORGET IT!
IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE WAY I DO THINGS...
pour
NO, NO. YOUR COOKING TASTES GOOD, SO I'M NOT GOING TO COMPLAIN
chew
FOR NOW, ANYWAY...
splash splash


GOD DAMNIT!!
Fling
slide

DING
WHO WAS SHE?
IN THAT CASE, LET ME HAVE SOME LUNCH
haggard
IT'S THE AFTERNOON ALREADY
MORNIN'
17 year difference
WHAT? THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS STILL IN HER TWENTIES...
It's not physically possible
SHE WAS OUR MUM
Morning mummy
I THINK SHE WAS ABOUT 27. SHE GOT SICK AND DIED WHEN KORO WAS 5
EH?
OUR DAD REMARRIED. SHE'S KORO'S MOTHER

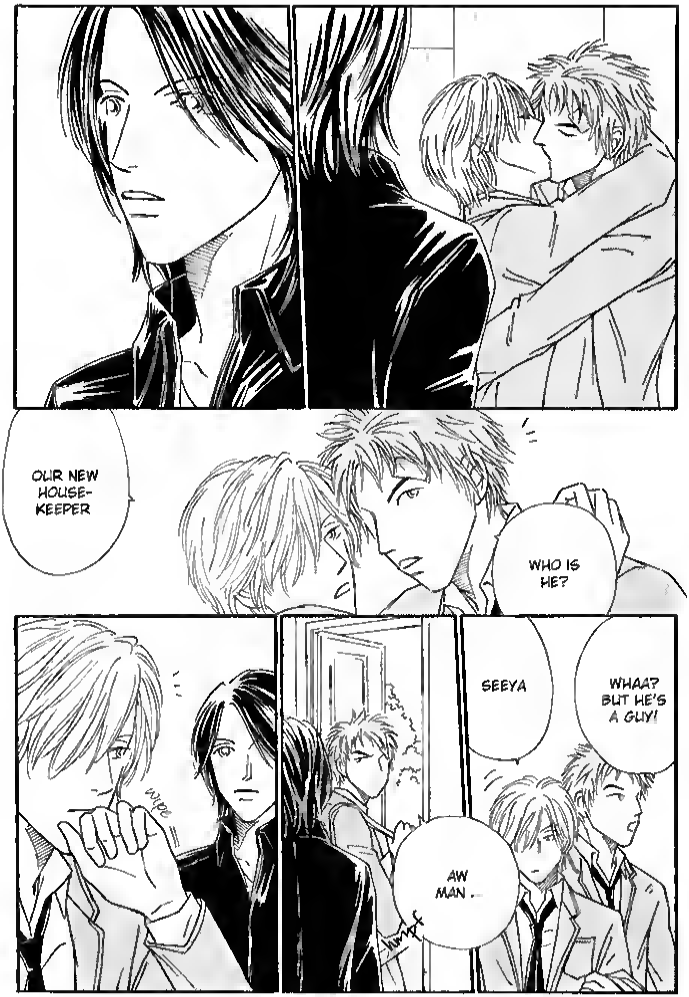
SO WHAT ABOUT YOUR REAL MOTHER?
yawn
OH, SHE DIVORCED OUR DAD AND WALKED OUT LONG AGO.
rustle
THEY SAY IT'S JUST A FRIENDLY MATCH, BUT WE ALWAYS GET BEATEN BY THAT OTHER TEAM...

WE'RE SO GONNA WIN TODAY! I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU TOO, TOURA!
Yeah!
I WON'T BE PLAYING TODAY
NAH MY MUM'S JUST REALLY OBSESSIVE ABOUT CLEANING SHE EVEN IRONS MY SOCKS!
WOW, YOU GOT A NEW SHIRT?
It's so shiny and white!
HUH? WHY NOT!?
I FORGOT MY UNIFORM AT HOME
TOURA! SOMEONE BROUGHT THE BAG YOU FORGOT!
Whoa! So sparkly
10

HEY!
PANT
PANT
WHAT APOLOGY? YOU PUT IT IN THE BASKET, SO I GOT IT WASHED IN TIME FOR YOUR GAME. THAT'S MY JOB.
PANT
SO YOU SAW THE ERROR OF YOUR WAYS AND BROUGHT IT AS AN APOLOGY?

BY THE WAY... DID YOU DO THAT LOUSY ATTEMPT AT STITCHING YOURSELF?
SHUT UP!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT. KYOUGO CHASED OUT THE OLD HOUSEKEEPER JUST WHEN I NEEDED IT REPAIRED. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO ASK!
WELL, YOU SUCK AT IT.
SHUT UP!!
AND STOP MISSING BREAKFAST. YOU'LL NEVER GROW ANY TALLER IF YOU DO

Toura


OUR NEW HOUSE-KEEPER
WHO IS HE?
SEEYA
WHAA? BUT HE'S A GUY!
AW MAN.

lean
WHAT? YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A GAY GUY BEFORE?
...HE...Y!
PUSH
lick

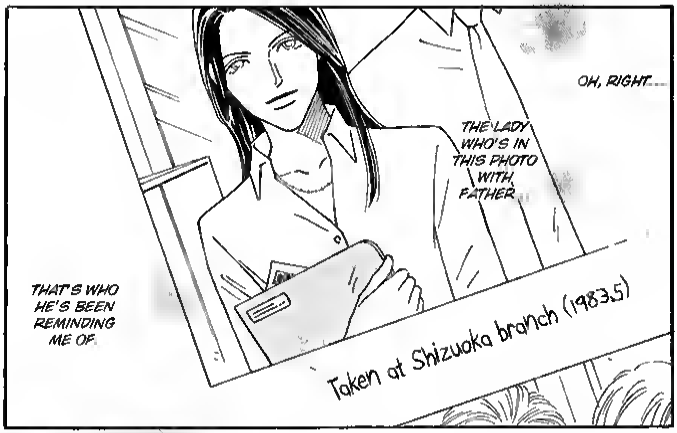
THUD
heh
HEY!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?
GEEZ
ZZZ

WAIT A—
HEY!!!
slllide
MMH—
droop
Crap I can't move. But I probably shouldn't wake him
slump
chuckle chuckle

AWWW— I WAS JUST GETTING COMFORTABLE, TOO...
—ARE YOU GAY, TOO, OR SOMETHING?
"TOO"? OH, HIM. HE'S AT A DIFFICULT AGE RIGHT NOW, SO JUST OVERLOOK IT AND LET HIM GET OVER IT.
I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHY NONE OF THE OTHER HOUSEKEEPERS LASTED LONG IN THIS HOUSE.
WHAT CAN YOU DO— A TEENAGER'S HEART IS FULL OF DARK AND TROUBLED DEPTHS
YAAAWN
YOU'RE NOT EVEN TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY, ARE YOU
Asleep already?
ZZZ
...

step
place
close
—I HAD TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP LAST NIGHT. SO I THOUGHT I'D BORROW A BOOK FROM HERE
THIS IS OUR FATHER'S STUDY. DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?

IF IT'S NOVELS YOU'RE AFTER, RYUUZOU HAS MOST OF THEM IN HIS ROOM.
I SEE. I'LL GO ASK HIM THEN.
FLIP FLIP
A PHOTO ALBUM...?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THE LADY WHO'S IN THIS PHOTO WITH FATHER
THAT'S WHO HE'S BEEN REMINDING ME OF.
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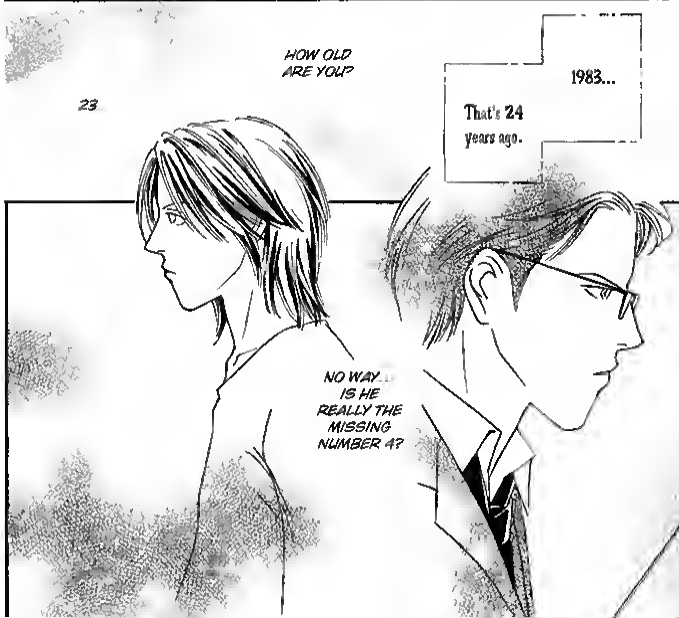
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
1983...
That's 24 years ago.
NO WAY... IS HE REALLY THE MISSING NUMBER 4?

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yaoi

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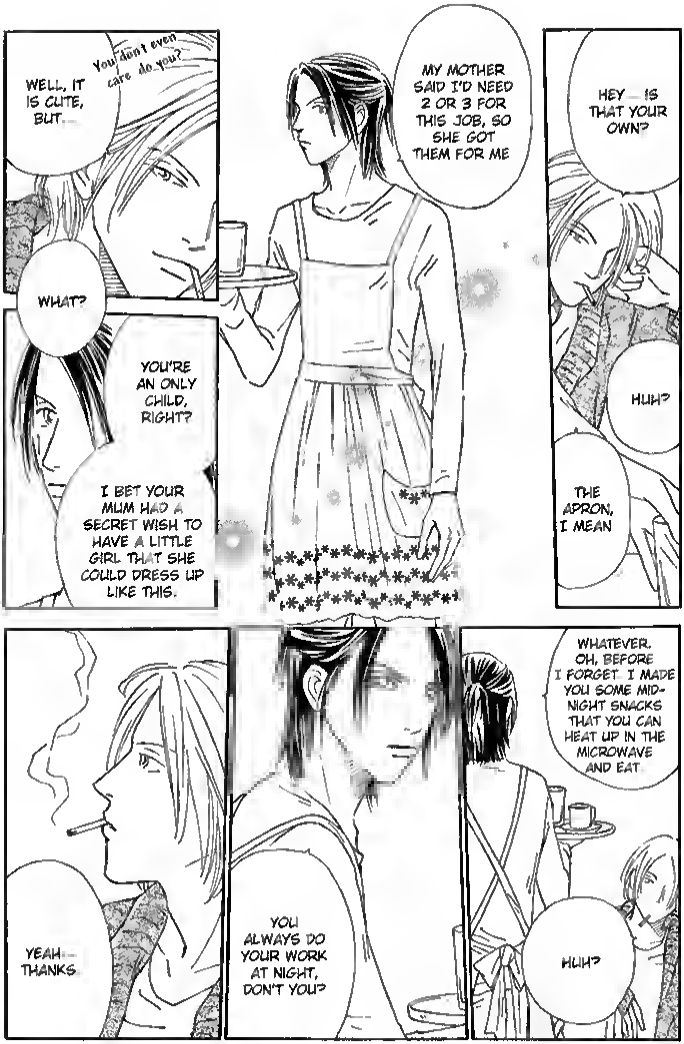
Chapter 2

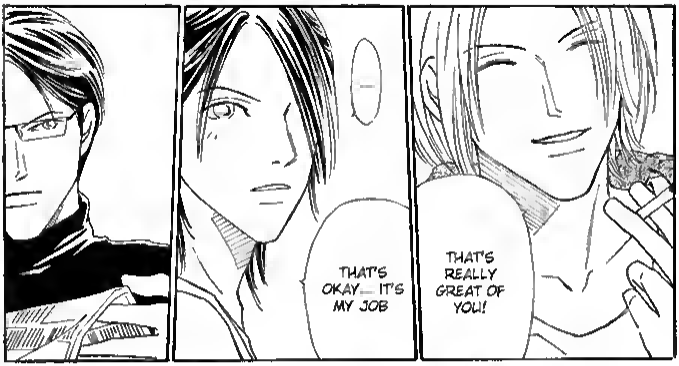
AH!
boom
HE MADE IT! HE'S STILL ALIVE!
Phew!
...
NAH, HE'S GOING TO DIE BEFORE LONG.

deadly serious
BUT THIS GUY HAS TO GO BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN! HE PROMISED HIS BEST FRIEND!
AND THEN THE TWO OF THEM CAN GO WALKING OFF INTO THE SUNSET
CUZ HE'S IN THE WAY. THE MAIN HERO HAS TO SAVE THE GIRL BY HIMSELF.
WHY SHOULD HE HAVE TO DIE WHEN HE'S SUCH A GOOD GUY!?
IF HE GOT BADLY WOUNDED OR LOST CONSCIOUSNESS OR SOMETHING, THEN HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HELP AND HE MIGHT MAKE IT THROUGH ALIVE.
WHAT? WHAT?
WEEELL... I GUESS THERE'S A WAY FOR HIM TO SURVIVE...
KA-POW!
If he survives, what then?
YEAH! I LIKE THAT!
AND THEN?

stomp
stomp
DAMNIT! I'M NOT WATCHING ANY MORE MOVIES WITH YOU, RYUU-NII!
HEY, IT WASN'T MY FAULT!
OH, HE DIED
HM?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS.
HELL YEAH WATCHING HIM IS WAY MORE FUN THAN THE MOVIE ITSELF.
SEE, SINCE I WRITE SCRIPTS MYSELF I CAN'T WATCH STUFF ON TV NORMALLY ANYMORE.
BEFORE I KNOW IT I'M READING AHEAD OF THE STORY, AND START THINKING HOW I'D DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. IT KINDA SPOILS THE FUN.
thunk
I FEEL SORRY FOR POOR CHIBI.

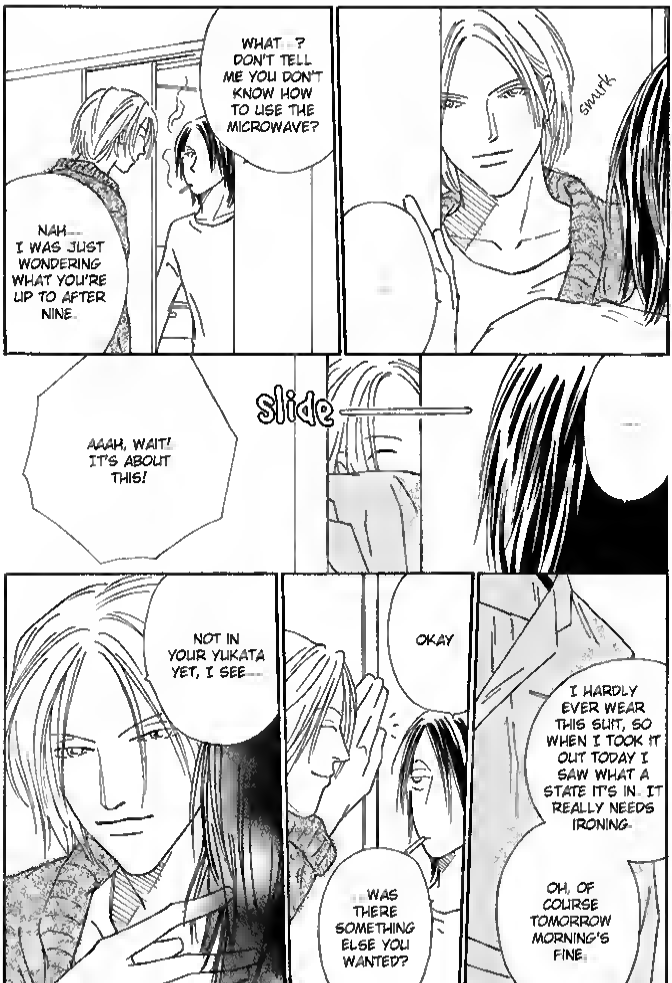
Tape it and watch it from morning to night
WATCHING HIS REACTIONS TO IT MADE ME HAPPIER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE
BACK THEN, KORO WAS AT JUST THE RIGHT AGE FOR IT AND WATCHED IT RELIGIOUSLY EVERY WEEK
Hehe
A WHILE AGO I WAS WORKING ONE OF THOSE SUPER-HERO SHOWS AIMED AT KIDS...
IT MADE ME THINK ABOUT WHAT TO PUT IN EACH EPISODE TO MAKE HIM ENJOY IT EVEN MORE
HE'S THE REASON I CHOSE TO CONTINUE THIS LINE OF WORK
NOTHING
WHAT?
...BUT CONSIDERING THAT YOU'RE ONLY HALF-BROTHERS...


You didn't even care do you?
WELL, IT IS CUTE, BUT...
WHAT?
YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD, RIGHT?
I BET YOUR MUM HAD A SECRET WISH TO HAVE A LITTLE GIRL THAT SHE COULD DRESS UP LIKE THIS.
MY MOTHER SAID I'D NEED 2 OR 3 FOR THIS JOB, SO SHE GOT THEM FOR ME
HEY... IS THAT YOUR OWN?
HUH?
THE APRON, I MEAN
YEAH... THANKS
YOU ALWAYS DO YOUR WORK AT NIGHT, DON'T YOU?
WHATEVER. OH, BEFORE I FORGET. I MADE YOU SOME MIDNIGHT SNACKS THAT YOU CAN HEAT UP IN THE MICROWAVE AND EAT
HUH?


THAT'S OKAY... IT'S MY JOB
THAT'S REALLY GREAT OF YOU!

IS THE BATH-ROOM READY?
YEAH.

Knock
Knock


WHAT...? DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THE MICROWAVE?
NAH— I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU'RE UP TO AFTER NINE.
SWISH
slide
AAAH, WAIT! IT'S ABOUT THIS!
NOT IN YOUR YUKATA YET, I SEE—
OKAY
...WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED?
I HARDLY EVER WEAR THIS SUIT, SO WHEN I TOOK IT OUT TODAY I SAW WHAT A STATE IT'S IN. IT REALLY NEEDS IRONING.
OH, OF COURSE TOMORROW MORNING'S FINE.

smile
smile
HMM WELL THEN, IF IT'S IN YOUR PRIVATE TIME AND NOT PART OF YOUR JOB IT SHOULD BE OKAY, RIGHT?
Especially not during my time off
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION ABOUT BEING A CONVERSATION PARTNER TO ANYONE WHO'S BORED
WHOA!
WATCH IT! MY NOSE! YOU ALMOST CAUGHT MY NOSE!!
bam
AND YOUR DADDY?
AT WORK
SHIN-CHAN, YOU'RE WITH YOUR GRANNY AGAIN? WHERE'S YOUR MUMMY?
clack
Are those guys... really my...?
Onii-chan!
HURRY UP, OR WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!

WELL, I CAN'T HELP YOU THERE I COULD ONLY GIVE BIRTH TO ANOTHER AUNTIE OR UNCLE FOR YOU
I WANT TO HAVE A CUTE LITTLE SISTER
WHAT'S WRONG, SHINNO-SUKE?
Daddy, you've got a day off today?
Yay!
GRANNY, COULD YOU GIVE BIRTH TO ANOTHER DADDY FOR ME!?
—WE'LL HAVE A NICE LONG CHAT ABOUT THAT WHEN WE GET HOME
WHAT ABOUT A DADDY?
EVEN WITHOUT A FATHER, YOU'LL GROW UP TO BE A FINE YOUNG MAN JUST LEAVE IT TO ME
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
OKAY

...LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALREADY FULL IN THERE.
AREN'T YOU GOING IN?
ahahaha
HUH?
I TOLD YOU! TOO MUCH HOT WATER MAKES OLD MEN LIKE YOU DIZZY!
open
haha
KOU-CHAN! THERE'S A QUEUE OUTSIDE ALREADY. HURRY UP AND FINISH UP IN THERE!
WHAT?
Still in Junior High...
...YOU TAKE BATHS TOGETHER?

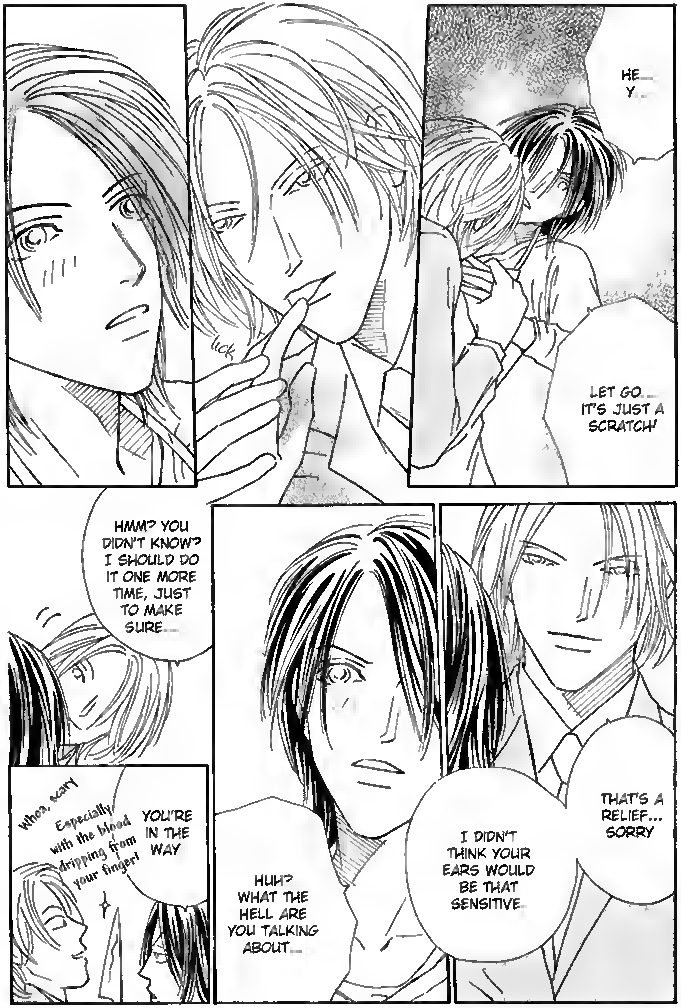
GEEZ... YOU'RE SUCH A LITTLE KID
...So I made him scrub my back for me
HUH? SURE, IT SAVES TIME WHEN THERE'S SO MANY OF US. OUR BATHROOM'S REALLY BIG
WHEN I WENT FOR MY BATH KOU-CHAN HAD GOTTEN THERE BEFORE ME HE ALWAYS TAKES AGES IN THERE
THAT WAS AGES AGO!
WHAAAT? IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO THAT YOU HAD BATHS WITH KOU-CHAN TOO
I'LL WAIT TILL YOU'RE ALL DONE
WHAT ARE YOU BEING SO NOISY OUT HERE FOR?

DID YOU WANT TO JOIN US IN THE BATH TOO?
OH YEAH, THEN WE COULD MAKE HIM WASH ALL OUR BACKS AS PART OF HIS HOUSEKEEPER DUTIES!
THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT PART OF MY WORK.
IT'S ONLY OKAY FOR US BECAUSE WE'RE BROTHERS
...
I'M HOME
...
Toura

T/N: Chawanmushi: an egg custard dish usually eaten as an appetiser

THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU HAVE TO EAT STUFF YOU DON'T LIKE. YOU CAN GET THE NUTRIENTS YOU NEED FROM OTHER DISHES
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE'S NOT MUCH POINT IN EATING FOOD THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ENJOY
YEAH! I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF!
OKAY, THEN I'LL JUST LEAVE THE MUSHROOMS OUT OF YOURS...
EH... IS THAT OKAY?

I WOULDN'T MIND BEING TAMED BY YOU, TOO
blow
—NGH!
wow♪
chop chop chop
IT DIDN'T TAKE YOU LONG TO TAME HIM, DID IT?
chop chop chop
—HH-OH—


HE... Y...
LET GO... IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!
lick
HMM? YOU DIDN'T KNOW? I SHOULD DO IT ONE MORE TIME, JUST TO MAKE SURE...
Whoa, scary!
Especially with the blood dripping from your finger!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY
HUH? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...
I DIDN'T THINK YOUR EARS WOULD BE THAT SENSITIVE...
THAT'S A RELIEF... SORRY

creak
MH
Shove
OW!
ZZZIP
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!
L- LET GO, THAT HURTS
HEY, WAIT!
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE
step
step
step

grrr
KORO—!
SHUT UP, YOU!
push
bam
bash
crash
—HEY!
I TOLD YOU TO GET LOST, CHIBI!
What's wrong with you?
Say something!
drag drag drag drag
HEY, HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

DAMN YOU... I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT A MALE HOUSEKEEPER.
IS THIS HIM!? THE GUY YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH—
Grip
Pull
Whoa...
SLAM

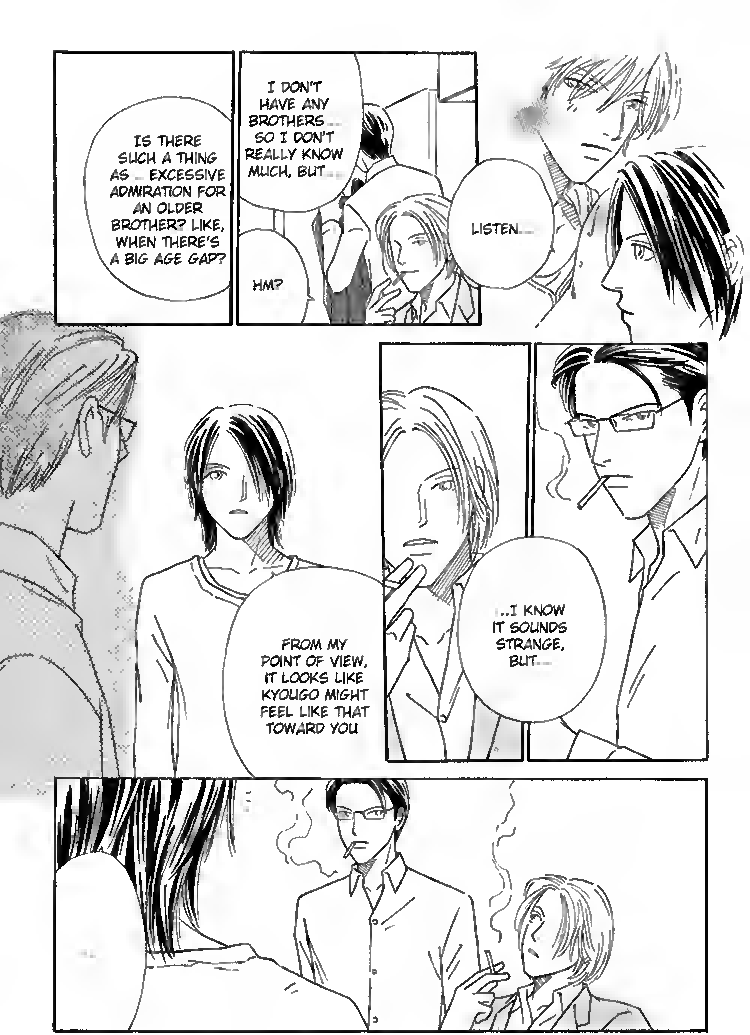
YOU'RE NO ORDINARY GUY... TO TAKE OUT SOMEONE OF MY CALIBRE...
YOU...
HE'S THE ACE OF OUR SCHOOL'S KARATE CLUB...
...as of yet undefeated
What calibre?
I think he just got defeated now
Oooh
SO

OH, YOU GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE LEAD.
I THINK HE'S ALREADY MADE HIMSELF YOUR LOYAL DISCIPLE
total respect
HEY... AREN'T YOU GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE TALKING THIS OUT?
WELL THEN... WHAT CAUSED ALL THIS?
SIR!
THE TRUTH IS THAT I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE HOTS FOR KYOUGO, SO I ASKED HIM OUT
HE GAVE ME A VERY CASUAL "OKAY THEN." SO WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT SINCE. BUT HE'S NOT LETTING ME GO ANY FURTHER THAN KISSING AT ALL. SIR.
SO, YOU SEE MY PREDICAMENT.
BASICALLY, I'M FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I WANT TO FUC
WAIT!

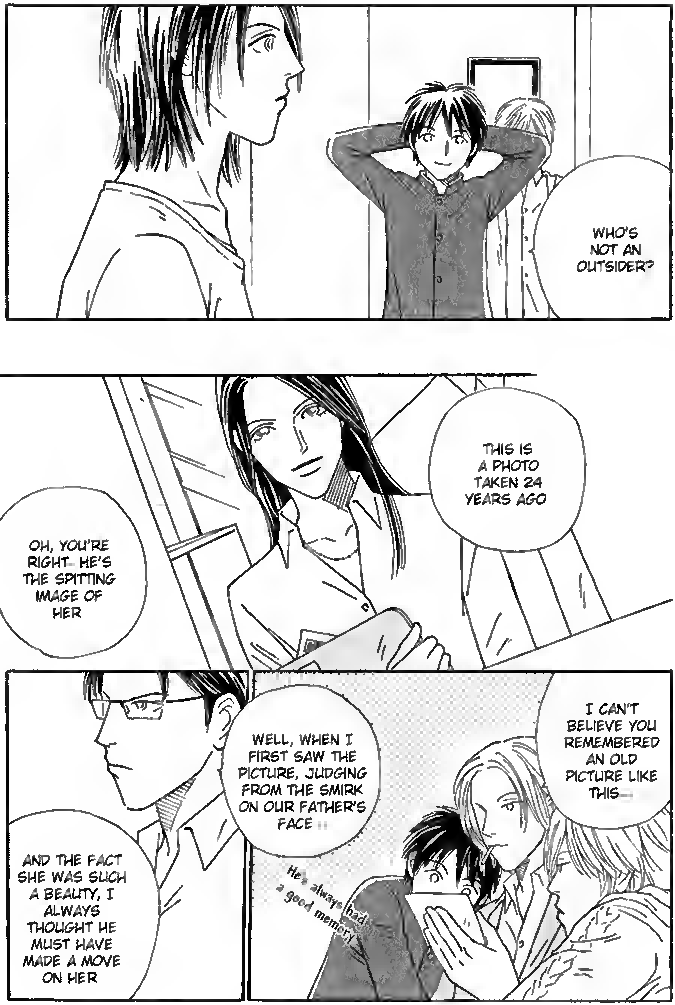
SO THEN I STARTED THINKING THAT HE MUST HAVE SOME OTHER GUY HE'S IN LOVE WITH...
Oh he's still talking
I'M A MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY TOO, YOU KNOW... THIS ISN'T ENOUGH TO SHOCK ME!
That's not something to boast about
KORO, YOU GO WAIT OUTSIDE FOR A BIT...
WHAAAT?
IF THAT'S SO, I WISH HE'D JUST TELL ME THEN I'D BE A MAN AND GIVE UP ON HIM
xcoool
WHAT'S WITH THE FAMILY GATHERING?
I MEAN, I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER WIN AGAINST YOU
Welcome baaack!
I'M HOME
hey
SO, IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE YOU LIKE?

WHY'D WE NEED TO HAVE A FAMILY CONFERENCE FOR THIS ANYWAY... SO STUPID.
YOU GO HOME TOO WE'RE FINISHED HERE.
rattle
HEY, LISTEN, WE JUST HEARD THAT...
WE'RE DONE HERE ALREADY.
YOU REALLY ARE FULL OF SURPRISES. A PERSONAL GUARD AS WELL AS A HOUSEKEEPER! ARE YOU A BLACKBELT?
Sorry about before, little bro.
No problem!

BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY MAN HERE!!
AAH, I GET IT. "I'LL PROTECT YOU, MUMMY AND GRANNY!" THAT KIND OF THING?
I JUST DID SOME MARTIAL ARTS WHEN I WAS LITTLE, THAT'S ALL. I WAS THE ONLY MALE IN THE HOUSE, YOU SEE
ALSO, I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME MAO-CHAN.
"Granny" is not allowed
R-right
Right!
Amamiya Mao
WELL SAID, SHINNOSUKE. YOU'RE DOING REALLY GREAT. I'M COUNTING ON YOU, OKAY?
SO, WHAT WAS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT IN THE END?
JUST A BIT OF A COMPLEX GAY RELATIONSHIP ISSUE.
Kick
SOUNDS LIKE YOUR AREA EXPERTISE. I'LL LET YOU DEAL WITH IT


IS THERE SUCH A THING AS... EXCESSIVE ADMIRATION FOR AN OLDER BROTHER? LIKE, WHEN THERE'S A BIG AGE GAP?
I DON'T HAVE ANY BROTHERS... SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH, BUT...
HM?
LISTEN...
..I KNOW IT SOUNDS STRANGE, BUT...
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IT LOOKS LIKE KYOUGO MIGHT FEEL LIKE THAT TOWARD YOU

WELL, KYOUGO TRIES TO HIDE IT, BUT YEAH
THE TWO OF YOU KNEW ALREADY—?
WHAT OF IT?
OR COULD IT BE— THAT YOU'RE NOT AN OUTSIDER AT ALL?
?
BESIDES, IT DOESN'T CONCERN AN OUTSIDER SUCH AS YOURSELF
EVEN IF HE DOES FEEL THAT WAY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING


WHO'S NOT AN OUTSIDER?
THIS IS A PHOTO TAKEN 24 YEARS AGO
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. HE'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HER
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REMEMBERED AN OLD PICTURE LIKE THIS—
He's always had a good memory.
WELL, WHEN I FIRST SAW THE PICTURE, JUDGING FROM THE SMIRK ON OUR FATHER'S FACE ...
AND THE FACT SHE WAS SUCH A BEAUTY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE MUST HAVE MADE A MOVE ON HER

IF YOU ZOOM IN, YOU GET THIS
What are you, a private investigator?
T/N: Akagawa
LOOK AT THIS
THEY DO LOOK ALIKE, BUT ARE YOU SURE SHE'S HIS MUM?
WHAT A DAD, TO MAKE YOU THINK THAT WHEN YOU WERE STILL IN PRIMARY SCHOOL...

I THINK THAT YOU SUSPECTED THIS ALL ALONG.
AND THAT'S WHY YOU CAME HERE. TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH.

...THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS ALWAYS TOLD THAT MY FATHER DIED BEFORE I WAS BORN, WITHOUT EVER HAVING MARRIED MY MOTHER. BUT...
AH!
WHAT?
HUH?
"SHINNOSUKE"!?
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO FORCE IT NOW
HAJIME-CHAN WOULDN'T GO TO SUCH LENGTHS JUST FOR A NAME.
I AGREE.
He doesn't think things through like that.
Shin
THAT MAKES HIM THE MISSING NUMBER 4!
T/N: 四 = 4
真之介
Turn it
90°
Shin no suke

T/N: Yon = abu 4

HEY...
Yon-yon
"Yonta?"
HMM, THERE AREN'T MANY NAMES WITH A 4 IN THEM. YONTA?
HAJIME-CHAN WOULD GO FOR SOMETHING SIMPLE LIKE SHIROU... OR MAYBE...
...
Gwahahaha
EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE BIGGEST BAD LUCK CHARM HIMSELF!
OUR DAD'S ACTUALLY PRETTY SUPERSTI-TIOUS ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING.
LOOK, HE TOLD US 4 IS BAD LUCK!
WE WERE HALF-EXPECTING IT.
OH, WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THAT BACK WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVED
WHAT?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE SHOCKED THAN THIS...?
I MIGHT BE A HALF-BROTHER OF YOURS.
HEY...

I'M A BIT SHOCKED
IF HE'S REALLY THE FORTH ONE .. DOES THAT MEAN MY MUM LOSES?
SHE'S ALWAYS HELD THE SPOT OF "MOST BEAUTIFUL MUM OF THE TOURA HOUSE"...
WHO MADE HER THE NUMBER 1?
SHE JUST WORE THE MOST MAKEUP, THAT'S ALL
MY MUM'S WAY PRETTIER!
SHE'S CUTE, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT, BUT 'BEAUTIFUL' IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT AGAIN
HEY! IT'S NOT LIKE YOUR MUM WAS MUCH TO LOOK AT, KOU-CHAN!
HOW RUDE..
SHE'S TOO ROUND
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING ABOUT MY MUM? WHERE'S A PHOTO...
...HEY...

HOW MANY DIFFERENT MOTHERS WERE YOU JUST TALKING ABOUT...?
FOUR.
HUUH?

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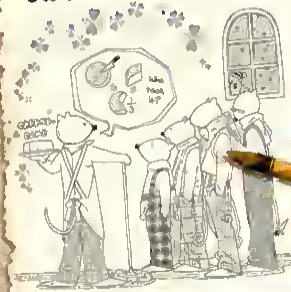

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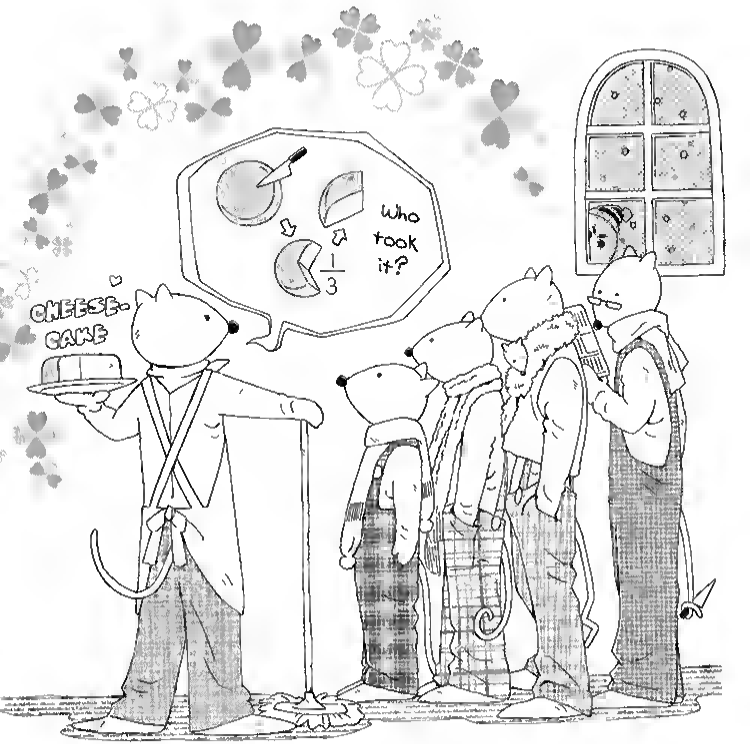
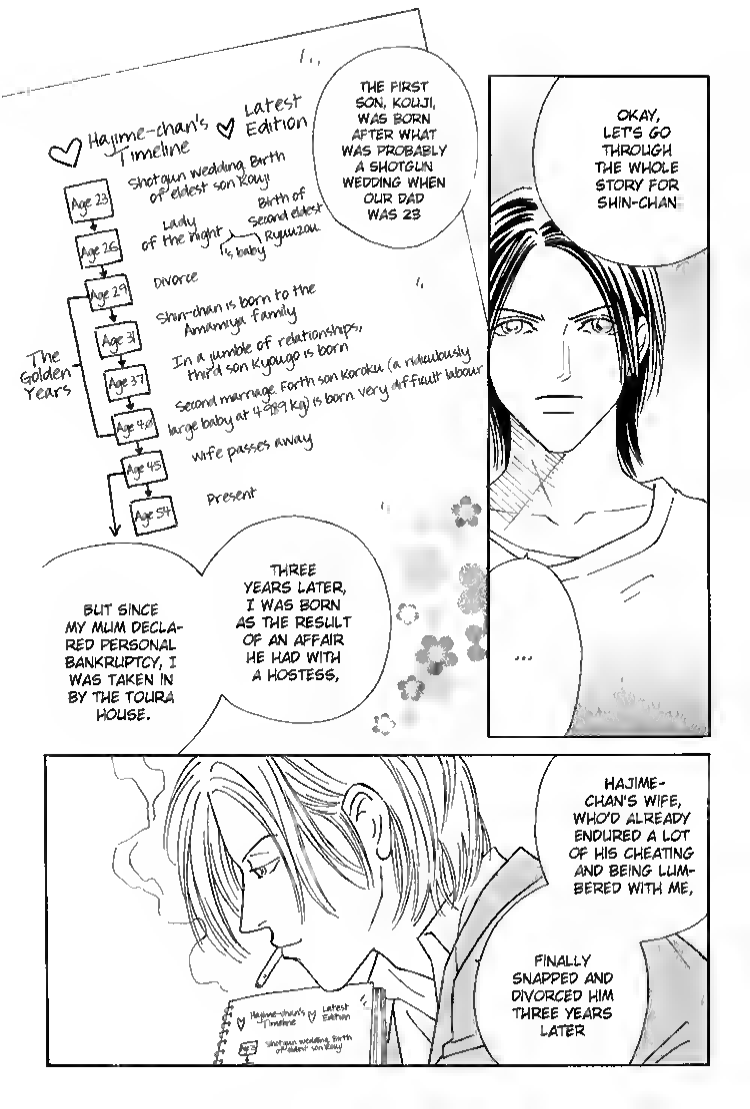
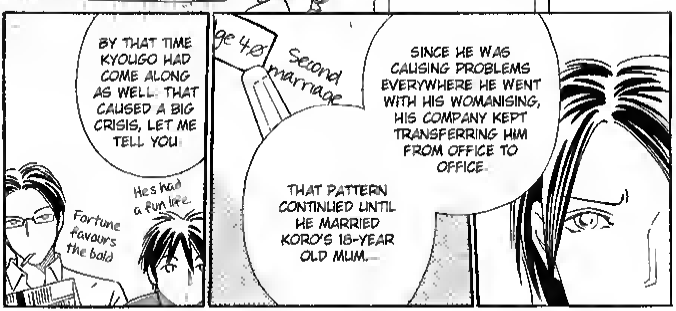



Hajime-chan's Timeline
Latest Edition
Age 23
Shotgun wedding. Birth of eldest son Kouji
Age 26
Lady of the night
Birth of Second eldest Ryuuzou
is born
Age 29
Divorce
Age 31
Shin-chan is born to the Amamiya family
Age 37
In a jumble of relationships, third son Kyouga is born
Age 40
Second marriage. Forth son Kotoku (a ridiculously large baby at 4.9kg) is born very difficult labour
Age 45
wife passes away
Age 54
Present
The Golden Years
THE FIRST SON, KOUJI, WAS BORN AFTER WHAT WAS PROBABLY A SHOTGUN WEDDING WHEN OUR DAD WAS 23
OKAY, LET'S GO THROUGH THE WHOLE STORY FOR SHIN-CHAN
...
THREE YEARS LATER, I WAS BORN AS THE RESULT OF AN AFFAIR HE HAD WITH A HOSTESS,
BUT SINCE MY MUM DECLARED PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY, I WAS TAKEN IN BY THE TOURA HOUSE.
HAJIME-CHAN'S WIFE, WHO'D ALREADY ENDURED A LOT OF HIS CHEATING AND BEING LUMBERED WITH ME,
FINALLY SNAPPED AND DIVORCED HIM THREE YEARS LATER

AND SO, BEING SINGLE AGAIN, HAJIME-CHAN STARTED HIS GOLDEN YEARS.
HUH?


BY THAT TIME KYOUGO HAD COME ALONG AS WELL. THAT CAUSED A BIG CRISIS, LET ME TELL YOU.
He's had a fun life.
Fortune favours the bald
Age 40
Second marriage
SINCE HE WAS CAUSING PROBLEMS EVERYWHERE HE WENT WITH HIS WOMANISING, HIS COMPANY KEPT TRANSFERRING HIM FROM OFFICE TO OFFICE.
THAT PATTERN CONTINUED UNTIL HE MARRIED KORO'S 18-YEAR OLD MUM...

BUT FIVE YEARS LATER KORO'S MUM PASSED AWAY, AND HAJIME-CHAN REVERTED TO LIVING THE WILD LIFE AGAIN.
SO THEN HAJIME-CHAN ENTERED HIS 40S AND KORO WAS BORN. WE ALL THOUGHT HE'D FINALLY SETTLED DOWN...
IT ALL ENDED PEACEFULLY WHEN HAJIME-CHAN TOOK IN THE NEWBORN KYOUGO THOUGH
KYOUGO'S MUM WAS A MARRIED WOMAN, SO THERE WAS A HUGE DRAMA ABOUT IT AT THE TIME

Age 31
Divorce
Shin-chan is born to the Ama
tap
AFTER HIS DIVORCE, HE SPENT TWO YEARS WORKING IN THE SAME OFFICE AS SHIN-CHAN'S MUM. SHIN-CHAN IS BORN IN THAT SAME PERIOD...
SO, THE ISSUE NOW IS AROUND THIS TIME HERE
HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THE STORY SO FAR SHIN-CHAN?
SO THEN HIS COMPANY SOLVED THE PROBLEM BY TRANSFERRING HIM TO THE SEATTLE OFFICE IN AMERICA, WHERE HE'S WORKED EVER SINCE
WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THAT TEN YEAR GAP...
MAKES SENSE...
rustle
YOU SAID YOU STARTED WORKING HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW OUR FATHER. DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU KNEW ABOUT ALL OF THIS FROM THE START?
THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET.
ON SECOND THOUGHT, HE CAN KICK ALL OF OUR ASSES SO MAYBE "ANIKI" IS MORE FITTING!
NOT SO FAST...
WELL, IN THAT CASE, WELCOME TO THE FOLD, NI-CHAN!

HUH? YOU MEAN YOU AND YOUR MUM WENT ALL THE WAY TO AMERICA JUST TO SEE HIM?
SOUNDS LIKE THEY WANT TO GET BACK TOGETHER.
I ONLY MET HIM ONCE, OVER IN SEATTLE.
GRAN
MUM
FAMILY TRIP
ICHIRO
ICHIRO 51
NAH SHE WENT TO WATCH ICHIROU PLAY, HE WAS JUST AN AFTER-THOUGHT.
...
WHEN SHE HEARD THAT TOUIRA-SAN WAS CURRENTLY IN SEATTLE,
I KNOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN 24 YEARS, BEFORE SHIN-NOUSUKE WAS BORN
SHE DECIDED TO PHONE HIM UP.
OH NO, NOT ON THE OUTFIELD I NEED TICKETS FOR REALLY GOOD SEATS
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RETURN THAT FAVOUR YOUR OWE ME!

AFTER THE GAME, WE WENT OUT FOR DINNER TOGETHER.
THE TWO OF THEM SPENT THE EVENING CHATTING, AND CATCHING UP WITH EACH OTHER.
I SEE— SO YOU EVEN HELP OUT WITH YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSEWORK?
MY SONS SHOULD TAKE A LEAF OUT OF YOUR BOOK THEY'RE SO DIFFICULT, ALL THE HOUSEKEEPERS I HIRE JUST QUIT ONE AFTER THE OTHER
REALLY? WHY DOESN'T SHIN-CHAN GIVE IT A GO THEN?
WHAT?
YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A TRY. I BET IT'LL BE FUN!
IT WAS ALL MY MUM'S CRAZY IDEA...
FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, MY DAD WAS A TABOO SUBJECT. ALL SHE EVER TOLD ME WAS THAT HE'D DIED.
AND THAT'S WHAT GOT YOU SUSPICIOUS?
AS I GREW OLDER, I FIGURED THAT IT JUST HADN'T WORKED OUT BETWEEN MY PARENTS, SO THEY'D SPLIT UP WITHOUT EVEN GETTING MARRIED.
BUT WHY WOULD THEY SEND YOU HERE NOW? AND AS A HOUSEKEEPER, NO LESS...
AS A TEST PERIOD, OBVIOUSLY.
HAH?
I BET THEIR REAL MOTIVE WAS TO GET YOU SETTLED IN TO OUR HOUSEHOLD!
AS IF, STUPID

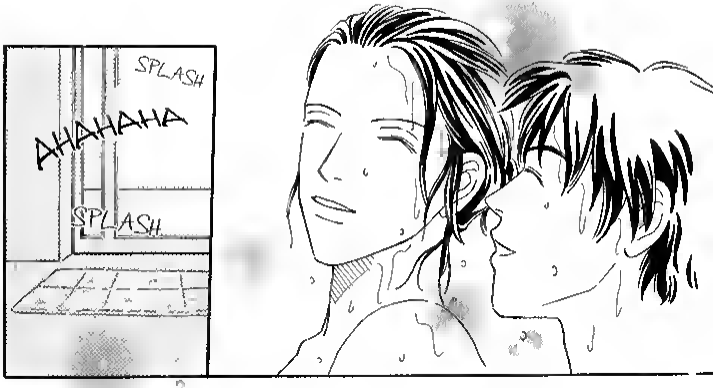
IT'S COMING UP TO DINNER TIME, BUT I'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK LEFT TO DO. COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF COOKING?
Hustle
HM?
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING?
KOU-CHAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHY NOT?
Criminal
YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE HUMAN DRAMA AFTER THE CRIMINAL HAS BEEN CAUGHT, AREN'T YOU?
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT?
MONEY STUFF?
BROTHER ECONOMICS
THE MOMENT WE DISCOVERED YOU'RE ONE OF US IS THE MOMENT WE'RE NO LONGER OBLIGATED TO PAY YOU. WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE, PLEASE DIVIDE YOUR SALARY INTO A DAILY RATE SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH WE OWE YOU.
THE WAY I SEE IT
HE'S AN OLD HAND AT SEEING HIS BROTHERS INCREASE IN NUMBER
IT'S COZ HE'S KNOWN HAJIME-CHAN THE LONGEST

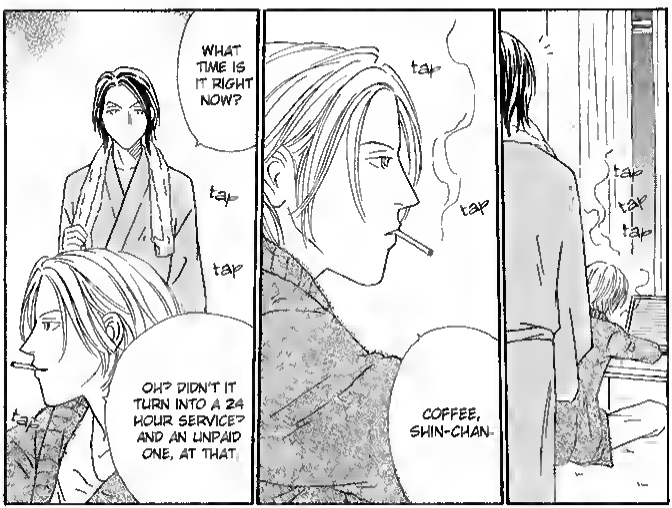
RIGHT, DINNER TIME! HURRY, HURRY!
HEY
What's on the menu today?
Chawan mushi without the mushrooms!
Uhm...?
...
tap tap
Age 31
Shin-chan is born to the Ama[illegible] family
Age 37
In a jumble of relationships, th[illegible]

UNBE-
LIEVABLE...
drip
WHAT IS IT WITH THE GUYS IN THIS FAMILY...?
WELCOME TO THE FOLD, NII-CHAN!
...
sigh
HUH? IS SOMEONE ALREADY IN THERE?
splash
YEAH, I AM.
SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL DONE ALREADY

SPLASH
H-HEY...
OPEN
WHEW... HOT BATHS ARE HEAVENLY.
...NOW LOOK HERE.
WHAT? IT'S FINE, SINCE WE'RE BROTHERS. WANT ME TO SCRUB YOUR BACK?
HAH...

RYUU-NII'S NOT AL-LOWED
WHY NOT?
WOW, THAT LOOKS FUN. CAN I JOIN IN?
OPEN
I CAN'T TRUST YOU TO BEHAVE YOURSELF UNTIL YOU'VE GOTTEN MORE USED TO THINKING OF HIM AS A BROTHER
VERY PERCEPTIVE THAT'S WHAT BEING RAISED IN THIS HOUSE DOES TO YOU, I GUESS
Hee hee!
drip
Oh, but y'see...
Our school team's always...


SPLASH
AHAHAHA
SPLASH


WHAT TIME IS IT RIGHT NOW?
tap
tap
tap
OH? DIDN'T IT TURN INTO A 24 HOUR SERVICE? AND AN UNPAID ONE, AT THAT.
tap
tap
COFFEE, SHIN-CHAN.
tap
tap
tap
tap

WHAT IS IT? COME ON, YOU CAN TELL BIG BROTHER ALL YOUR WORRIES.
tap tap
tap
tap
sigh
...
—I GUESS... IT JUST FELT A BIT ANTICLIMACTIC.
YOU GUYS REALLY ARE STRANGE.
BEING SO CASUAL ABOUT ACCEPTING ME AS A SIBLING...
Heh.
WELL, YEAH.
THIS HOUSEHOLD MIGHT BE A BIT UNUSUAL, BUT WE'VE GOT OUR FAMILY VALUES.
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap

I JUST...
WANTED TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH
NOT WHAT YOU WERE HOPING FOR?
...
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAME LOOKING FOR A FATHER AT THIS LATE STAGE...
I GUESS I THOUGHT THAT IF I REALLY HAVE BROTHERS...
I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE LIKE
HN.
I GET THAT
OH.
WHAT IS IT?

EH?
ARE YOU GOING TO STAY HERE WORKING FOR FREE?
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?
NOTHING... I JUST GOT AN EMAIL
Subject
Re: Amamiya Shin
...on news ve
...I WASN'T REALLY PLANNING ON THAT...
TO BE HONEST I HADN'T THOUGHT IT THROUGH THAT FAR
I'VE GOT MY OWN FAMILY, AFTER ALL.
WELL, I'D APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD START LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
STEP
...I GOT IT.
HMM... I WONDER IF WE'LL FIND ONE... YOU'VE RAISED THE BAR, Y'KNOW.
...BUT I'D BE LEAVING YOU IN THE LURCH IF I QUIT RIGHT AWAY
SO I'LL KEEP WORKING UNTIL YOU FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE ME

I'LL PUT SOME COFFEE ON.
IT'S A DAMN SHAME, THOUGH

PACKED LUNCH? WHAT THE...?
clatter
I HEARD YOU FIND IT HARD TO GET UP IN THE MORNINGS.
...THAT BLABBER-MOUTH.
HE'S GOT LOW BLOOD PRESSURE
HE ONLY EATS BREAD AND STUFF FROM THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOR LUNCH

glance
OH MAN...
DON'T TELL ME I'VE GAINED ANOTHER ANNOYING BROTHER TO NAG AT ME?
clatter
YOU SHOULD EAT IT. IT'LL DO YOU GOOD.
BY THE WAY, THAT GUY SAID HE WANTS TO FIGHT YOU IN AN OFFICIAL MATCH.
NO THANKS
grumble
GEEZ, ONE MORE STUPID THING TO CARRY...
OKAY
OH, KYOUGO. HOW DID YOUR TEST GO?
I'M OFF...

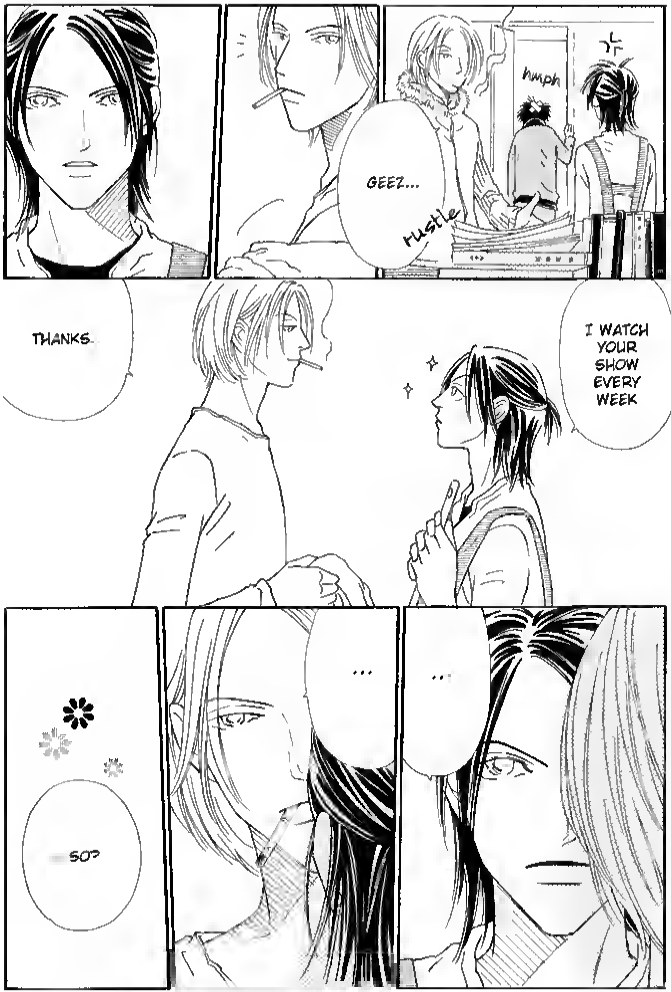
I KNOW...
PAT
JUST DON'T SLACK OFF YOU'VE GOT YOUR ENTRANCE EXAMS NEXT YEAR
OUR FATHER WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE, SO I'VE GOT TO ACT AS YOUR GUARDIAN
NOTHING SPECIAL
I DON'T THINK WE'VE HAD ANYONE LIKE YOU IN THE FAMILY BEFORE...
SPLASH
YOU'RE QUITE THE BUSYBODY, WITH THE PACKED LUNCH AND ALL...
...
clatter

STEP
STEP
JUMP
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THAT GUY, HE'S GONE TO THE SHOP TO BUY CIGARETTES
HUH?
I KNOW NOW'S MY CHANCE...
SWISH

flip
ABOUT WHO KILLED REIYA
A CLUE?
I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A CLUE
SHOULD YOU REALLY BE RIFLING THROUGH HIS WORK WITHOUT PERMISSION...?
rustle
rustle
REIYA...
YOU MEAN FROM THAT HIT DRAMA SERIES "THE KILLER OF BOIN VALLEY"?
WELCOME TO BOIN VALLEY
In an isolated northern village
Trying to solve the mystery of the village beauty's murder
Viewing rates are now exceeding 30%
Shops sold out of Sakura mochi after it appeared in drama series!!
戸浦竜三
TO URA Ryuuzou
WAIT... IT CAN'T BE ISN'T THE WRITER FOR THAT SERIES CALLED..
SCRIPT WRITER
脚本
浦戸
Urato Ryuuzou
AH
BUT WHY WOULD YOU LOOK IN HERE...?

I can actually see him as that type of genius.
HE WON A PRIZE FOR A NOVEL HE WROTE IN HIS TEENS AFTER THAT, HE JUST MESSED ABOUT HAVING FUN WITHOUT REALLY WRITING ANYTHING
BUT DESPITE THAT, BY THE TIME HE WENT TO UNI HE WAS ALREADY ABLE TO EARN A LIVING AS A SCRIPTWRITER.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW? HE MIGHT NOT LOOK IT, BUT RYUUZOU'S A GENIUS AT WHAT HE DOES...
NO WAY!!
ahem...
KOOO-ROOO...
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
DAMN, THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
IT MUST ALL BE ON HIS COMPUTER...
NO WAY YOU'D JUST GIVE AWAY THE ENDING TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL IF I TOLD YOU
NOT THIS AGAIN...
OH, COME ON, YOU SPOIL-SPORT!
ACK!

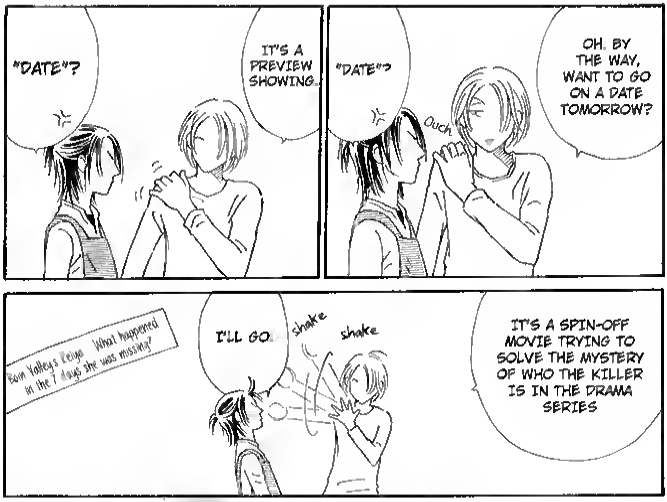
flick
SO PLEASE
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
Tell us!
You must know Spill!
EVERYONE'S DYING TO KNOW WHO THE MURDERER IS, AND THEY'RE ALL PESTERING ME ABOUT IT!
JUST GIVE ME SOME KIND OF HINT THEN!
WHAT?
HMM... WELL, I MIGHT IF SHIN AGREES TO DO ANYTHING I SAY INSTEAD.
HEY.
PUSH
offering
SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CUTE LITTLE BROTHER


humph
GEEZ...
rustle
I WATCH YOUR SHOW EVERY WEEK
THANKS.
...
...
SO?

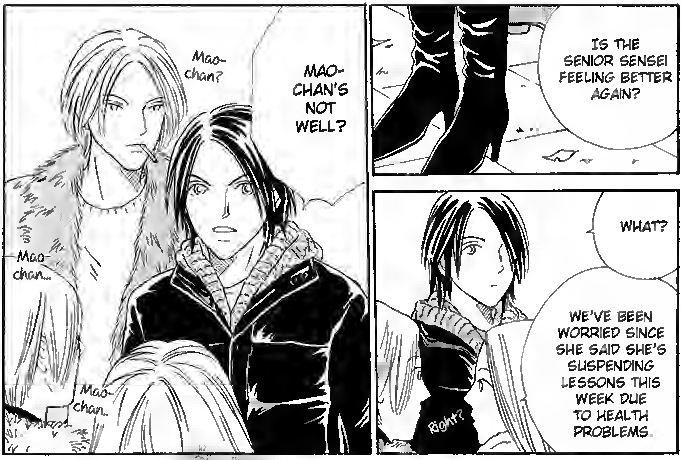
.. THE HOTEL OWNER.
WHO DO YOU THINK THE MURDERER IS?
JUST MESSING WITH YA..
thru-thump thru-thump thru-thump
..HUH..?
HEH...
I CAN TELL YOU, IF YOU LIKE.

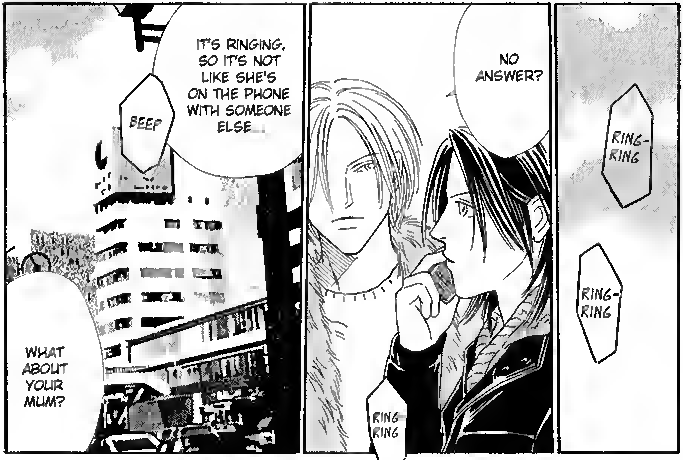
HUH..?
WELL, I CAN'T TELL YOU FOR FREE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
lick
clatter
IT'S JUST A BIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE
NO, I DON'T THINK BROTHERS SHOULD BE.
—WAIT.
HEY!

Heh
...
YOU LIAR
blow
REALLY? IN OUR FAMILY THIS IS PERFECTLY NORMAL...
THUD
!
SQUEEZE
OW, OW, OW!
ASS KICKER
I GIVE, I GIVE! DAMN, I FORGOT HOW VIOLENT YOU WERE!


"DATE"?
IT'S A PREVIEW SHOWING.
"DATE"?
Ouch
OH. BY THE WAY, WANT TO GO ON A DATE TOMORROW?
Burn Valley's Corpse What happened in the 7 days she was missing?
I'LL GO.
shake
shake
IT'S A SPIN-OFF MOVIE TRYING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHO THE KILLER IS IN THE DRAMA SERIES

They can feed themselves.
OH COME ON, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT
IT'S STILL PRETTY EARLY WHY WON'T WE GO LOOK AROUND SOME SHOPS AND GET SOMETHING NICE TO EAT
Hehe
NO CAN DO I NEED TO PREPARE DINNER BACK AT THE HOUSE
OH ISN'T THAT THE YOUNG SENSEI?
IT BECAME MORE COMPLICATED
SO, DID THE MYSTERY BECOME CLEARER?
"The Missing 7 Days" Special Preview
"YOUNG SENSE!"?
WE WERE SO DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR YOU'RE TAKING TIME OFF
WE RUN A TEA CEREMONY SCHOOL BACK HOME
WAAH ♡ HELLO!
AH
I'M JUST MY GRAN'S ASSISTANT
HUH, YOU'RE A TEACHER THERE?
YOU'RE NOT IN YOUR KIMONO SO WE ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNISE YOU!


Mao-chan?
MAO-CHAN'S NOT WELL?
Mao-chan...
Mao-chan...
IS THE SENIOR SENSEI FEELING BETTER AGAIN?
WHAT?
WE'VE BEEN WORRIED SINCE SHE SAID SHE'S SUSPENDING LESSONS THIS WEEK DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS.
Right?


IT'S RINGING, SO IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S ON THE PHONE WITH SOMEONE ELSE...
BEEP
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MUM?
NO ANSWER?
RING-RING
RING-RING
RING-RING

SHE'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP...
RIGHT NOW MY GRAN IS BY HERSELF...
flip
...SORRY... I'LL BE BACK FOR DINNER, BUT RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT TO...
EAST WEST TAXI
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US. JUST GET IN, QUICK
THANKS...

slam
—WAIT, WHY ARE YOU COMING...?
OH, I JUST THOUGHT I SHOULD SAY HI TO MY LITTLE BROTHER'S FAMILY.
Especially Mao-chan.

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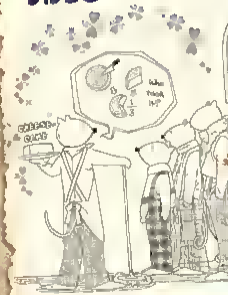

"I Feel Great!"
GO GET 'EM TIGER
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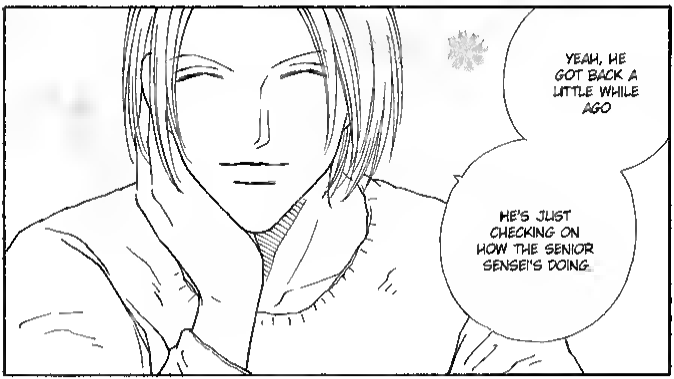
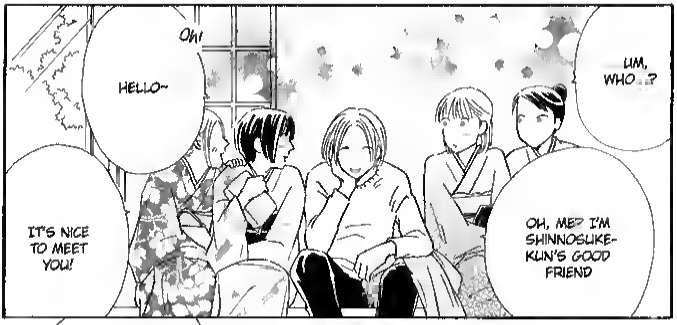
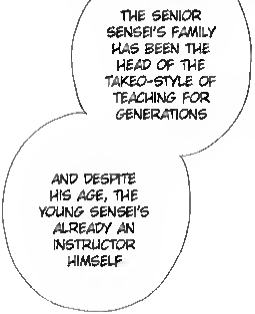
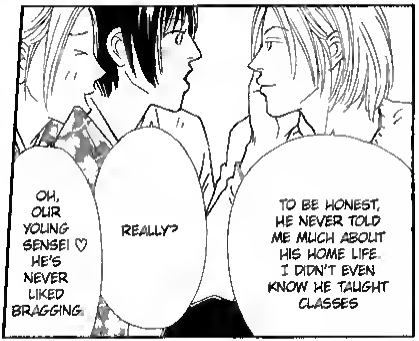
CHAPTER 41

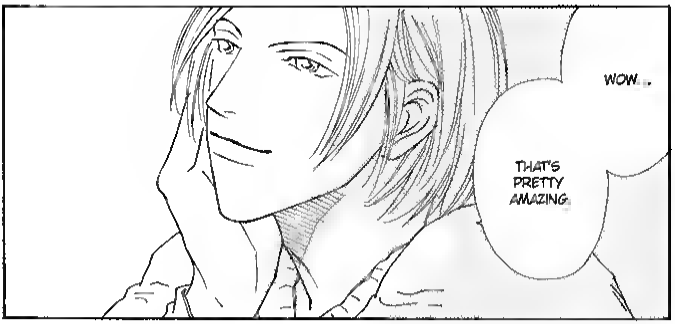
OH DEAR, THE SENIOR SENSEI ISN'T WELL?
BUT THEN WHAT ABOUT CLASSES?
I HEARD THE YOUNG SENSEI'S BACK TO COVER THEM.
REALLY? ♡


YEAH, HE GOT BACK A LITTLE WHILE AGO
HE'S JUST CHECKING ON HOW THE SENIOR SENSEI'S DOING.


Oh!
HELLO~
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!
UM, WHO...?
OH, ME? I'M SHINNOSUKE-KUN'S GOOD FRIEND

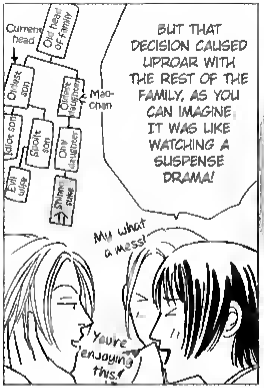

THE SENIOR SENSEI'S FAMILY HAS BEEN THE HEAD OF THE TAKEO-STYLE OF TEACHING FOR GENERATIONS
AND DESPITE HIS AGE, THE YOUNG SENSEI'S ALREADY AN INSTRUCTOR HIMSELF


OH, OUR YOUNG SENSEI ♡ HE'S NEVER LIKED BRAGGING
REALLY?
TO BE HONEST, HE NEVER TOLD ME MUCH ABOUT HIS HOME LIFE. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE TAUGHT CLASSES


WOW...
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING

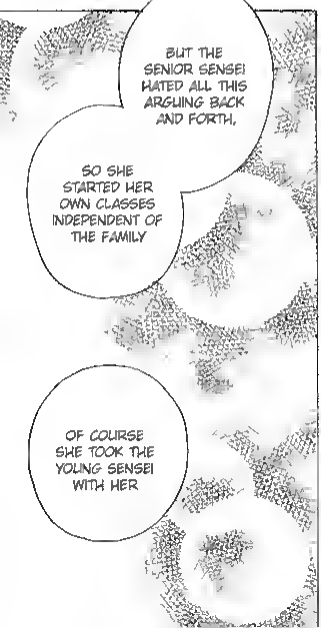
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WAITING? IF I COVER THE TEA CEREMONY CLASS NOW WE WON'T GET HOME TILL AFTER DINNER...
HEY. IT'S FINE! GO ON, YOUR STUDENTS ARE WAITING, YOUNG SENSEI ♡
Mao-chan...
SORRY ABOUT THIS... THE DOCTOR TOLD HER TO REST FOR ANOTHER TWO OR THREE DAYS, BUT SHE WAS PLANNING ON COMING BACK TO TEACH STRAIGHT AWAY.
sigh
BUT YOU MUST BE GLAD IT TURNED OUT TO BE JUST A COLD.
YEAH...
SHE'S AS LIVELY AS EVER, ACTUALLY...
YOU KEPT RINGING THE DAMN PHONE,
SO I LEFT IT OFF THE HOOK.
cough
Obviously I threw it across the room!
AS IF I'D LET YOU INTRODUCE ME TO SOMEONE WHEN I'M LOOKING LIKE THIS. DON'T BE SILLY!
cough, cough
SORRY... I'LL HAVE TO LET YOU MEET HER SOME OTHER TIME.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

...I GUESS NOT.
NOW'S NOT REALLY THE RIGHT TIME, IS IT.
I HAVEN'T... TOLD HER ABOUT THE BROTHER THING YET EITHER
HEY, CAN I WATCH? JUST FOR REFERENCE MATERIAL
REFERENCE MATERIAL?
STOP IT.
A MURDER IN A TEA ROOM WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE TO INVOLVE POISON OF SOME SORT...


Current head
Old head of family
Oldest son
Oldest daughter
Mao-chan
Middle son
Youngest son
Youngest daughter
Eldest daughter
Second daughter
BUT THAT DECISION CAUSED UPROAR WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE. IT WAS LIKE WATCHING A SUSPENSE DRAMA!
Ah! What a mess!
You're enjoying this, aren't you?

THE OLD HEAD OF THE FAMILY RECOGNISED THE YOUNG SENSEI'S TALENT.

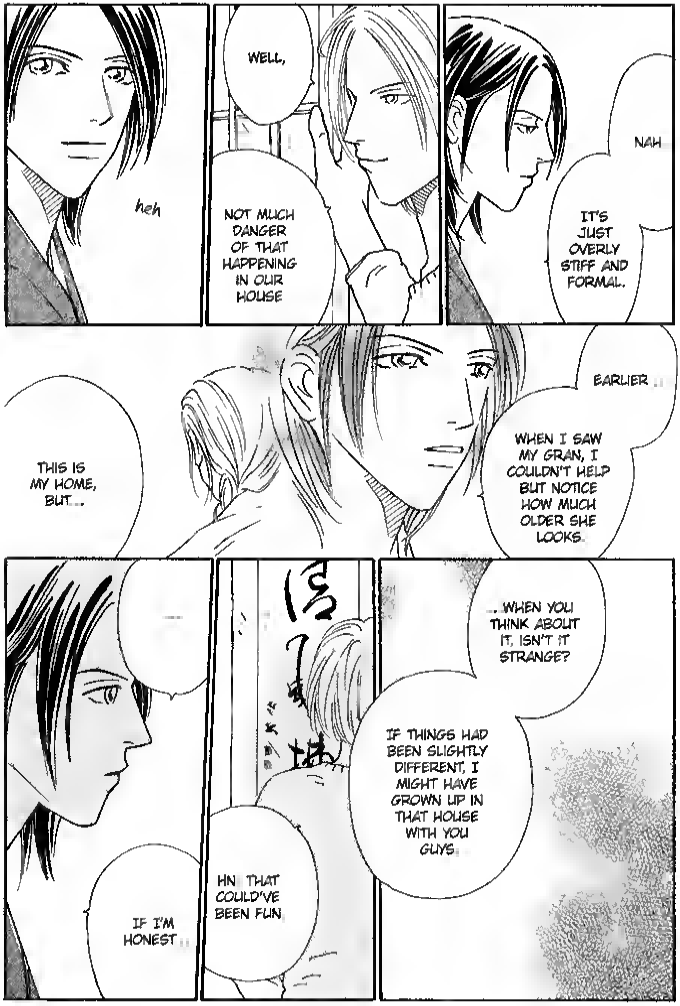
HE MUST'VE COUNTED ON SENSEI'S AGE AND GOOD LOOKS INCREASING THE SCHOOL'S POPULARITY.


BUT THE SENIOR SENSEI HATED ALL THIS ARGUING BACK AND FORTH.
SO SHE STARTED HER OWN CLASSES INDEPENDENT OF THE FAMILY
OF COURSE SHE TOOK THE YOUNG SENSEI WITH HER

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TROUBLE SURROUNDING THE TAKEO-STYLE OF TEACHING
SCANDALS IN THE FAMILY ABOUT ADULTERY
CORRUPTION AND EMBEZZLEMENT
AND THE FAMILY HAD NO SUITABLE SUCCESSORS TO TAKE OVER THE SCHOOL.

THERE'S JUST A PEACEFUL,
THIS PLACE MANAGES TO SHUT OUT ALL THE NOISE AND BUSTLE OF THE CITY.
QUIET SENSE OF BEAUTY IN THE AIR...

IT'S MY FIRST TIME LEARNING ABOUT TEA CEREMONY, BUT I COULD TOTALLY GET INTO IT.
clink
...THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING
FEELS LIKE IT GIVES YOU SOME MUCH-NEEDED RELAXATION, DOESN'T IT?
tug
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE. .
I HEARD A LOT OF STORIES FROM YOUR STUDENTS...
IT REALLY SOUNDS LIKE YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD FROM US.


heh
WELL,
NOT MUCH DANGER OF THAT HAPPENING IN OUR HOUSE
NAH.
IT'S JUST OVERLY STIFF AND FORMAL.
EARLIER...
WHEN I SAW MY GRAN, I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE HOW MUCH OLDER SHE LOOKS.
THIS IS MY HOME, BUT...
...WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ISN'T IT STRANGE?
IF THINGS HAD BEEN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, I MIGHT HAVE GROWN UP IN THAT HOUSE WITH YOU GUYS.
HN. THAT COULD'VE BEEN FUN.
IF I'M HONEST...

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I OFTEN WISHED I HAD A FATHER
I KEPT THINKING THAT MY MUM HAD IT EXTRA TOUGH AS A SINGLE PARENT...
SO, YOU CAME TO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE SPOILT AND SILLY BROTHERS WHO GREW UP AS A BIG HAPPY FAMILY TOGETHER WITH THEIR DAD?
BUT... YOU WEREN'T WHAT I IMAGINED
YOU GUYS ARE...

What's on the menu?
I wish I without the mushrooms
...NOT THAT AGAIN...

I THINK ALL THE HOT TEA'S GONE TO MY HEAD
WHAT?
. OR MAYBE IT'S YOU
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? QUIT JOKING AROUND
HEY!
YOU'RE TAKING THIS WHOLE BROTHERLY LOVE THING WAY TOO FAR
WHAT IF I SAID WE WEREN'T REALLY BROTHERS?
HUH?

THAT EVENING, I EMAILED MY DAD TO CHECK THE FACTS
WE'RE NOT BROTHERS
WHAT ARE YOU—?
I JUST GOT AN EMAIL .
OH
HE TOLD ME YOUR MUM HAD ANOTHER BOYFRIEND AT THE TIME,
AND OUR DAD WAS MESSING AROUND WITH HIS BOSS' WIFE IN THE BRANCH OFFICE
WHEN HIS AFFAIR WAS IN DANGER OF BEING DISCOVERED, YOUR MUM BAILED HIM OUT AND SAVED HIM FROM LOSING HIS JOB

...
...IS THAT REALLY TRUE? BUT WHY DID YOU...?
THE REASON WHY I CHECKED THE FACTS STRAIGHT AWAY IS BECAUSE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE ADVANCES ON SOMEONE WHO'S MY BROTHER
THE REASON I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TILL NOW IS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE

AH!
Toura-kun
Toura-kun
HUH?
ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE URATO RYUUZOU'S LITTLE BROTHER?
CAN YOU TELL US IF URATO-SAN IS AT HOME!?
FLASH
FLASH
HUUH? SLOW DOWN...
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE PLOT LEAK THAT YOU CAN TELL US?
WHAT-..?

FLASH
AH, WAIT!
WHAT ABOUT URATO-SAN? IS HE IN?
JUST IGNORE THEM, STUPID.
PULL
What's going on?
OPEN
OW, STOP JOSTLING ME...
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
HM...?
...THIS MUST BE HIM.

SLAM
WHAT THE HELL? WHAT'S GOING ON!?
DID RYUU-NI DO SOMETHING?
HERE..
beep beep
IT'S ALREADY ALL OVER THE NEWS
NEWS FLASH
The ending of popular drama series has been leaked!! Who'd have thought that person would be the killer!?
Midnight Dates?
WAI—
NH...

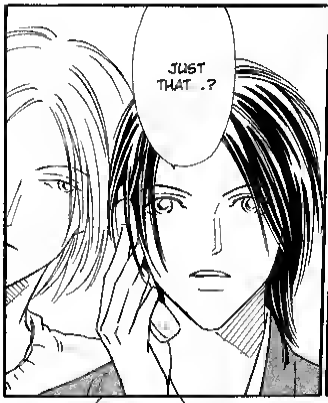
IF YOU WERE SERIOUS ABOUT RESISTING...
YOU COULD SEND ME FLYING HALF-WAY ACROSS THE ROOM...
CAN I TAKE IT YOU DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO STOP ME?
NO, I...
DAMN IT...
I JUST...
DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY STRENGTH...

...
W—WHY?
WEAK TUG
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
WHOA...
THIS IS BAD...
BUCKLE
trace

WAI—
I'M NOT GAY.
CUT IT OUT...
HUH? WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO...
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED IT?
EVERYONE TRIES IT ONCE

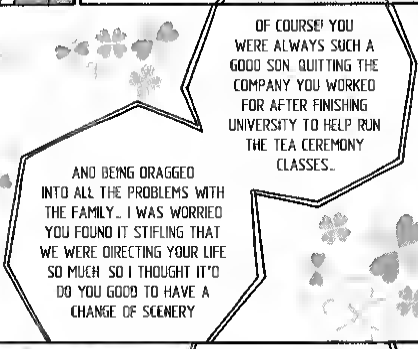
...
EH...?
...THERE WAS ME THINKING YOU WERE DAMN NEAR PERFECT,
In high spirits
BUT YOU STILL HAVE A LOT OF CHINKS IN YOUR ARMOUR
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT—?
WHAT? LET GO ALREADY...
ring-ring
HEHE~.

ring-ring
ring-ring
ring-ring
WAIT... DON'T ANSWER IT!
Just at the good part...
STRUGGLE
ring-ring
IF I DON'T ANSWER IT, MAO-CHAN'LL THROW THE PHONE ACROSS THE ROOM...
Like before?
DRAG
ring-
HELLO?
MOTHER!?
NO, IT'S JUST... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON A BUSINESS TRIP .
WELL, ACTUALLY THEY'VE JUST ASKED ME TO GO ON ANOTHER ONE ABROAD I'M PLANNING TO HEAD STRAIGHT OVER
—ANYWAY... HOW COME YOU'RE AT HOME?
UM...
COULD I JUST ASK YOU SOME THINGS ABOUT TOURA-SAN ...?


JUST THAT..?

GOOD HEAVENS NO! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT?!
I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU EXPERIENCE LIVING IN A MALE HOUSEHOLD TO GIVE YOU A FEEL FOR HOW BROTHERS LIVE TOGETHER

YOU NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

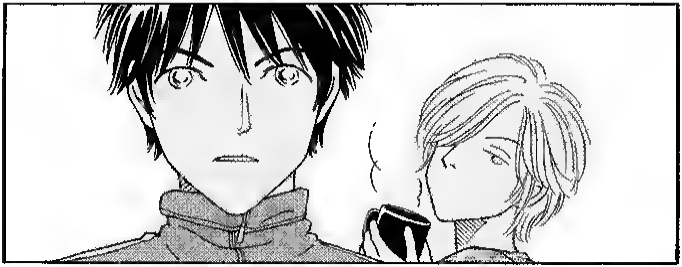

OF COURSE! YOU WERE ALWAYS SUCH A GOOD SON QUITTING THE COMPANY YOU WORKED FOR AFTER FINISHING UNIVERSITY TO HELP RUN THE TEA CEREMONY CLASSES..
AND BEING DRAGGED INTO ALL THE PROBLEMS WITH THE FAMILY.. I WAS WORRIED YOU FOUND IT STIFLING THAT WE WERE DIRECTING YOUR LIFE SO MUCH SO I THOUGHT IT'D DO YOU GOOD TO HAVE A CHANGE OF SCENERY

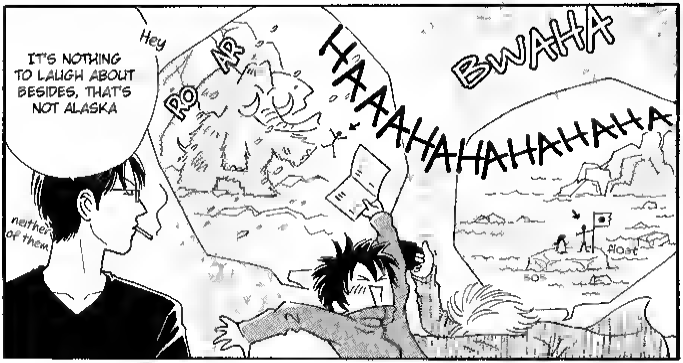
AH, I'VE GOT TO RUSH LET GRAN KNOW I'M OFF ON ANOTHER BUSINESS TRIP OKAY? BYE!
ANYWAY, I'D NEVER HAVE CONTACTED THAT HOPELESS CASE OF A MAN IF I HADN'T NEEDED TICKETS TO SEE MY BELOVED ICHIRO PLAY

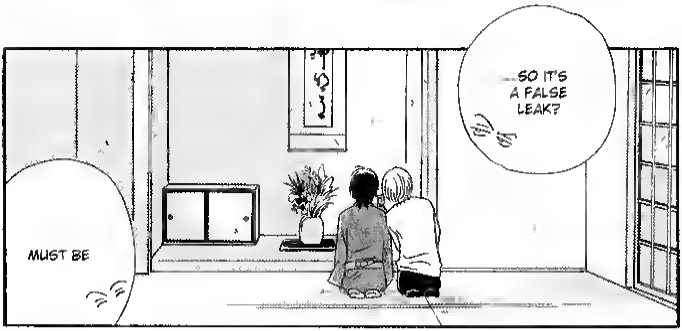
WELL, AT LEAST THIS PROVES ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT WE'RE NOT RELATED
WOW, SHE REALLY DOESN'T HOLD A HIGH OPINION OF MY FATHER!
BEEP—
EH...
WHICH MEANS...
we can continue!
ring-ring
ring-ring
ANSWER, DAMNIT!
IT WON'T BE
ring-ring
ring-ring
HUH?
HEY... THAT'S YOUR MOBILE
IT'S YOURS. ANSWER IT, IT MIGHT BE URGENT...
ring-ring
ring-ring
ring-ring

WHERE ARE YOU RYUU-NII?
WHAT? I'M BUSY
COME BACK HOME AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE PEOPLE!
NO, TELL HIM NOT TO COME HOME. HE'D JUST CREATE MORE FUSS.
DON'T COME HOME, HE SAID
LET'S ORDER OUT SUSHI. THEN. LET'S MAKE IT YOUR TREAT RYUU-NII, AND ORDER THE MOST EXPENSIVE SET!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I CAN'T EVEN GET TO THE CONVENIENCE SHOP. I'M STARVING HERE!
THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED BY REPORTERS
BEEP—
...?
JUST CHECK OUT THE INTERNET
beep
first class sushi
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
first class sushi

WHERE'S THE SUSHI TAKEOUT MENU—
How long will it take...
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
click
WHAT? SOMETHING UP WITH DAD?
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM SINCE YESTERDAY TO GET A CLEAR ANSWER ON THE AMAMIYA ISSUE. BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH
I JUST TRIED CALLING HIS OFFICE. AND THEY SAID HE'S GONE MISSING
HUH?
THEY SAID THE LAST THEY HEARD HE WAS HEADING FOR ALASKA ON BUSINESS, AND SINCE THEN NOTHING
MENU SUSHI




Hey
IT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT BESIDES, THAT'S NOT ALASKA
neither of them
ROAR
HAAAHAHAHAHAHAHA
BWAHHA
Alaska


SO IT'S A FALSE LEAK?
MUST BE

I HAVEN'T EVEN WRITTEN THE ENDING YET...
WELL, I CAN'T MAKE IT THE SAME AS WHAT THEY SAY, NOW CAN I?
SO,
WHO DO THEY CLAIM THE MURDERER IS?
Squash
WHAT ABOUT THE REPORTERS AROUND THE HOUSE?
OH YEAH, THOSE. WELL, THEY TOLD ME NOT TO GO HOME SO...
DRIFT
THESE KIND OF THINGS WILL ALWAYS HAPPEN, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN STOP
DUNNO. I EXPECT THE TV STATION WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO ABOUT THIS...?
THAT'S KINDA HOW IT WORKS.
YOU'RE LETTING FALSE RUMOURS AFFECT WHAT YOU WRITE?
I'm sorry... please don't go running off to tell on me!

GUESS I CAN'T REALLY DO THAT...
YOU'RE PLANNING TO JUST IGNORE THEM?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
brush
I'M...
NOT PART OF THE FAMILY, SO I DON'T...

HM?
ANSWER IT...
IT'S JUST A TEXT.
THEN READ IT.
...YOUR PHONE.
THEN... WHY DON'T I MAKE YOU PART OF THE FAMILY ANOTHER WAY?
KORO
I need a bit of advice. I got a love letter today From another boy.
HN...
FROM KORO?

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GO BACK HOME AFTER ALL.
Hm...
THAT'S DEBATE-ABLE
YES MA'AM. I SPOTTED HIM RIGHT AWAY.
A GOOD-LOOKING BOY, THE SPITTING IMAGE OF YOU...

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Final Chapter

THEY'RE STILL HERE...
LET'S GO IN THE BACK WAY.
THEY ARE, AREN'T THEY?
So persistent.
THERE'S A BACK WAY?
THERE IS IF WE CLIMB OVER THE WALL AND GO THROUGH THE WINDOW.
RIGHT...
WHO?
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THAT GUY?
BY THE WAY...
THAT GUY SITTING OFF TO ONE SIDE, LOOKING ALL SNEAKY...
GUESS THAT'S ALL I'LL GET TODAY...
KYOUGO? WHY HIM?
AREN'T YOU ONE OF THOSE REPORTERS?

HUH?
DO IT.
SNATCH
Hard boiled
I'M SORRY, BUT I NEVER REVEAL INFORMATION ABOUT MY WORK.
WH-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
I'M PART OF THE TOUJIRA FAMILY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
UWAAAH!
NOT BUDGING
I'M A PRIVATE DETECTIVE! I'M HERE ON HIS MOTHER'S REQUEST!
aiming directly at the wall
HIS MOTHER?
SHE SAID IT'S BEEN 17 YEARS SINCE HE WAS TAKEN IN BY HIS FATHER. SO SHE WANTED TO SEE HOW HE'D GROWN UP.
SEE? NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. I'VE GOT PLENTY OF GOOD PICTURES. SO I'LL JUST HEAD BACK. THAT'S ALL!

SHE'S NOT PLANNING ON TAKING HIM BACK, IS SHE?
AH, NOT AT ALL! SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DISRUPT EITHER FAMILY. THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T TRY TO TAKE HIM BACK WHEN HE WAS FIRST BORN REMEMBER?
...
Give it back!
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING...
OH, YOU'RE BACK. WHAT'S IT LIKE OUTSIDE?

A DETECTIVE?
IS EVERYONE IN THE LIVING ROOM?
JUST AS WELL, THAT MEANS I CAN FILL YOU IN.
WHAT ABOUT?
THERE'RE STILL A COUPLE OUT THERE
ARE THEY PLANNING TO STAY TILL MORNING?
THERE WAS A WEIRD PRIVATE DETECTIVE, TOO
—SO,
WE CAUGHT HIM TAKING THE PICTURES AND WHEN WE QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT IT
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DISRUPT EITHER FAMILY. THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T TRY TO TAKE HIM BACK WHEN HE WAS FIRST BORN, REMEMBER?

BESIDES, BACK WHEN KYOUGO WAS BORN, HAJIME-CHAN HAD ALREADY DIVORCED SO HIS WAS A BROKEN HOME ALREADY ANYWAY
EH?
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE FIGHTING OVER HIM
WELL, YOU WERE ONLY IN PRIMARY SCHOOL WHEN KYOUGO CAME TO US...
SO YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS KOUJI?
GEEZ... WHY NOW AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
THAT'S WHAT THE GUY SAID
...AND YOU'RE SURE HIS MOTHER ISN'T PLANNING ANYTHING ELSE?
YEAH I ONLY HEARD LATER ON THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF DRAMA SURROUNDING IT AT THE TIME I DIDN'T SEE ANY OF IT MYSELF
KYOUGO'S ACTUALLY THE CHILD OF OUR FATHER'S BEST FRIEND

BY THAT TIME FATHER HAD GROWN FOND OF THE BABY.
WHATEVER HIS VICES HE'S ALWAYS BEEN GOOD WITH CHILDREN.
BOTH PARENTS HAD BEEN HAVING AFFAIRS... FATHER WAS TO LOOK AFTER THE BABY UNTIL THE REAL PARENTS REACHED AN AGREEMENT.
BUT IN THE END, NEITHER SIDE WAS ABLE TO TAKE HIM IN.
KYOUGO, DOES HE...?
OF COURSE HE DOESN'T KNOW.
...
I WONDER IF I'M TO BLAME...
BECAUSE I KNEW WE WEREN'T RELATED...
DID I... ACT DIFFERENTLY TOWARDS HIM?

I SEE...
NAH. I DON'T THINK YOU EVER TREATED HIM DIFFERENTLY.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL HIM?
WHAT IF HE WANTS TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF
JUST LIKE I DID...?
HIS SITUATION'S DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.
HE'S NEVER SUSPECTED, SO WHAT NEED IS THERE TO TELL HIM?
EVEN IF HE KNEW, THE RESULT WOULD BE THE SAME
I STILL COULDN'T ACCEPT HIS FEELINGS.

BUT
I THINK IT'D BE EQUALLY HARSH FOR HIM TO KNOW THE TRUTH...
YEAH, I DO.
STEP
YOU THINK I'M BEING CRUEL?
SIGH
IT FEELS LIKE THE WEIGHT ON ME HAS LIFTED A BIT.
NOW THAT YOU TWO ARE IN ON THE SECRET, WE'VE ALL GOT PART OF THE BURDEN TO SHARE.
...
LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T JUST APPROVE OF YOUR HOUSE-WORK, BUT OF YOU AS A PERSON AS WELL.
THAT'S QUITE A BIT, COMING FROM THAT HARD-HEARTED, COLDLY INDIFFERENT ELDEST SON.
...
WAY TO GO, SHIN-CHAN. ♡
CLOSE

HM?
AH...
...I DIDN'T GET TO TELL HIM THAT WE'RE NOT BROTHERS.
AM I TO BLAME.
I GUESS NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND WITH SOMEONE, THERE ARE ALWAYS THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW...
ACTUALLY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD HIM WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS
ABOUT THAT...
WHAT...?
OH, WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
So am I!
I'm being serious here
IF YOU TIE THE KNOT WITH ME, YOU'LL BE BROTHERS AFTER ALL

BWAHAHA
I NEED A BIT OF ADVICE. I GOT A LOVE LETTER TODAY FROM ANOTHER BOY
HEY, YOU'VE GOT TO HEAR THIS!
WHAT? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HAJIME-CHAN?
BINGO
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
choc choc
CAN I TELL EVERYONE IN SCHOOL THAT DAD'S LOST IN ALASKA?
ONCE IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED, YOU CAN
He can?
PIP
I STILL CAN'T GET THROUGH
THE COMPANY SAID THEY'D CONTACT US IF THEY HEARD ANYTHING NEW. BUT UNTIL THEN...
COME ON, WHO'S TO SAY HE DIDN'T JUST MEET ANOTHER PRETTY WOMAN IN ALASKA?

SO, ANYWAY
KORO?
AH...
IT SEEMS ODD THAT SHE WAS ASKED TO GO ON A BUSINESS TRIP ABROAD SO SUDDENLY.
She'll hate him even more after this
JUST THINKING ALOUD... MAYBE SHIN-CHAN'S MUM GOT CALLED TO SEATTLE TO COVER FOR OUR DAD?
I CAN SAY "HE MIGHT BE", RIGHT?
tyre
tyre
tyre
OH, YEAH
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
IT REALLY IS A LOVE LETTER.
I really like you.
Would you consider going out with me?
TOUYA

the customary family meeting
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WELL WHAT'S THIS GUY LIKE?
UM... HE'S A THIRD YEAR. I DON'T KNOW HIM ALL THAT WELL...
SO YOU'VE NEVER REALLY TALKED TO HIM?
I CHATTED WITH HIM A BIT WHEN WE WERE BOTH ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SCHOOL'S SPORTS TOURNAMENT. HE WAS PRETTY FUN TO TALK TO
IS HE GOOD LOOKING?
GETTING CARRIED AWAY!
Course I don't!
Go take one for us
We want to see what he's like!
WHAT?!
DON'T YOU HAVE A PICTURE?
WOW, NICE!
WELL, HE MADE IT INTO THE TOP 10 OF THE SCHOOL'S HANDSOME GUYS LIST

HOLD ON A MOMENT.
AFTER YOU
HM?
YOU'RE ALL CRAZY
I'M NOT A PART OF THIS
I ALMOST FORGOT.
OH NO, YOU GO AHEAD.

OH, YES YES, OF COURSE. SORRY I WASN'T THINKING— HE'S RIGHT!
A BIT LATE NOW!
I'M TELLING YOU THAT THIS ISN'T THE APPROPRIATE REACTION TO YOUR LITTLE BROTHER RECEIVING A LETTER FROM ANOTHER MAN WHEN HE'S STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL—
??
WHY NOT?
LISTEN, NORMALLY YOU DON'T GET TWO SPECIMENS LIKE THESE GUYS IN THE SAME FAMILY—
?
WHAT YOUR HETEROSEXUAL BIG BROTHER IS TRYING TO SAY
IS THAT THANKS TO US, YOU'RE TOO USED TO OUR TYPE, SO HE'S WORRIED THAT YOU'RE TOO OFFHAND ABOUT YOUR ADMIRER BEING ANOTHER BOY
—WHY? THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU TWO—

YOU NEED TO REALISE THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE GROWN UP IN THIS ENVIRONMENT
YOU ACCEPT THINGS MUCH MORE EASILY THAN OTHERS WOULD IN THE SAME SITUATION...
THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING IN THIS CASE YOU SHOULD BE MORE... HOW CAN I SAY...
PAT
YOU TRY
HUH?
Ah, he passed the baton?
BUT I...
WELL...
AHEM
CHANGING THE SUBJECT COMPLETELY. GUESS WHAT? WE JUST FOUND OUT THAT SHIN-CHAN ISN'T ACTUALLY OUR FATHER'S SON.
EH?

MY MOTHER DENIED IT BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT.
NO WAY! HOW COME?!
I COULDN'T STAY LONG IN THE END...
I'LL PACK ALL MY THINGS TONIGHT AND LEAVE IN THE MORNING
I'VE GOT MY OWN FAMILY AND WORK WAITING FOR ME...
BUT THANKS FOR EVERY-THING...
...I'M REALLY SORRY FOR ALL THE FUSS
EH...
BUT YOU WON'T QUIT BEING OUR HOUSEKEEPER, WILL YOU?

DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S A CHANCE
THAT YOUR MUM LIED ABOUT IT BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH FATHER ANY MORE?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
It could be
It could be!
WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE
GOING BACK TO WHAT WE WERE ORIGINALLY DISCUSSING. THE OPINION OF A THIRD PARTY CAN BE VALUABLE TOO,
SO I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ON THE MATTER WITH KOROKU
WELL, WE WON'T KNOW FOR SURE WITHOUT TALKING TO OUR FATHER.
It could be
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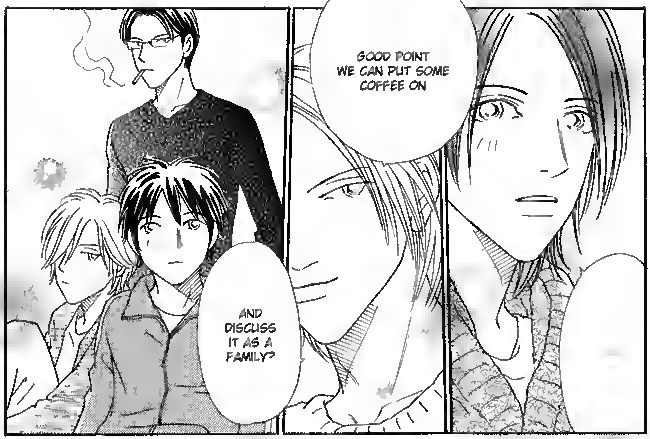
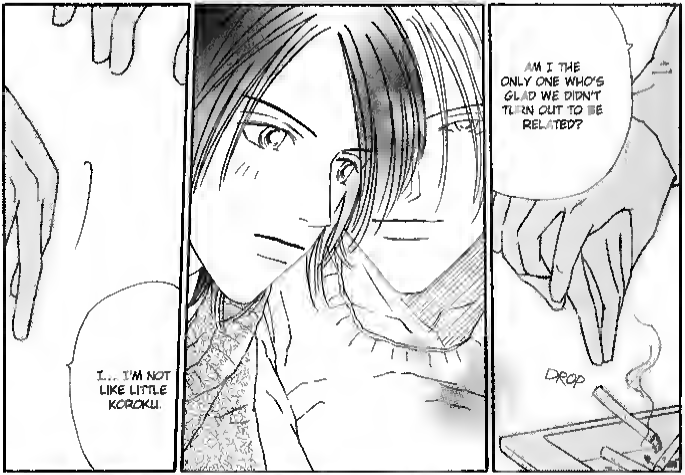

AND DISCUSS IT AS A FAMILY?
GOOD POINT WE CAN PUT SOME COFFEE ON

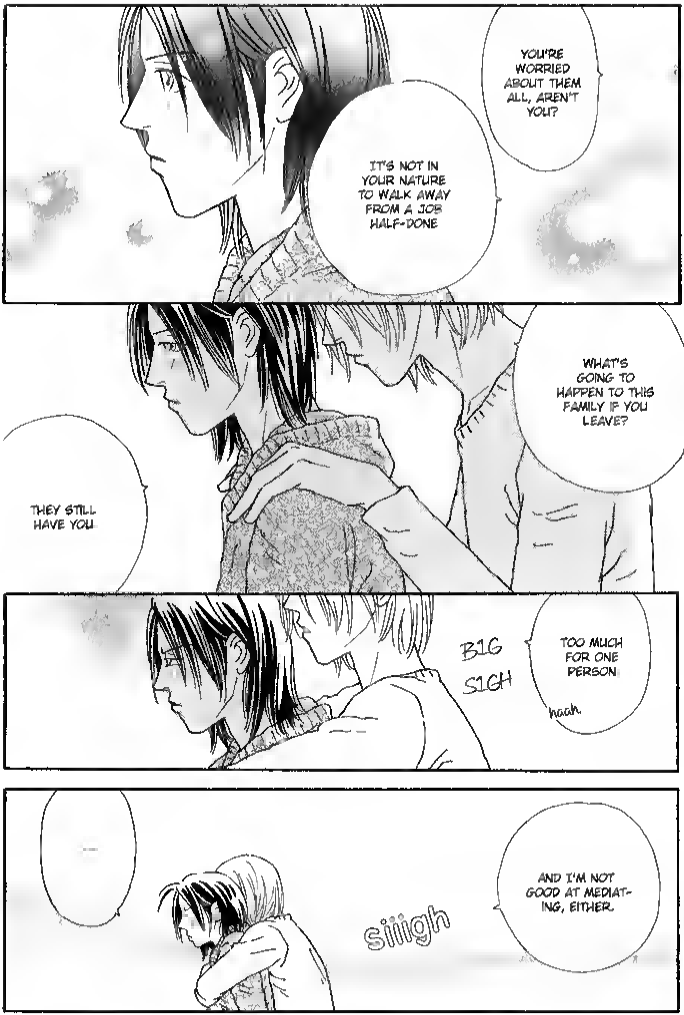
NO
KNOCK
CAN I GIVE YOU A HAND WITH ANY-THING?


I... I'M NOT LIKE LITTLE KOROKU.
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GLAD WE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE RELATED?
DROP

I'D NEVER MET ANYONE WITH YOUR PREFERENCES GROWING UP. SO I'VE NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR WORLD.
YEAH, I'M LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND YOU FIRST.

YOU CAN HEAR IT, CAN'T YOU?
THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN HEARTBEAT
THUDUMP
THUDUMP
THUDUMP
THUDUMP
LET GO...
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LEAVE LIKE THIS?

WHAT ABOUT MY MIDNIGHT SNACKS?
NOT MY PROBLEM!
THAT'S NOT...
IF YOU GO, WHO'S GOING TO MAKE SURE KYOUGO EATS PROPERLY?
AND KORO? HE'S FACING SOME DIFFICULT CHOICES RIGHT NOW. YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN RELY ON OUR FATHER FOR HELP
BUT THERE'S STILL THE ELDEST BROTHER...
KOUJI SAYS THE RIGHT THINGS, BUT HE DOESN'T LIKE GETTING INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS AND ARGUMENTS
HE TAKES AFTER OUR FATHER IN THAT RESPECT
THE THING WITH KYOUGO IS STILL HANGING IN THE BALANCE TOO...


YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEM ALL, AREN'T YOU?
IT'S NOT IN YOUR NATURE TO WALK AWAY FROM A JOB HALF-DONE
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS FAMILY IF YOU LEAVE?
THEY STILL HAVE YOU
BIG SIGH
TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON
hooh.
—
siiigh
AND I'M NOT GOOD AT MEDIATING, EITHER.

WHAT IF I AGREED TO MAKE THE HOTEL OWNER THE KILLER?
I DIDN'T REALISE YOUR STORIES WERE THAT SHALLOW
Y'KNOW, IF THIS WAS MY SCRIPT, THE HEROINE WOULD BE STARTING TO GIVE IN BY NOW.
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
I BET I WAS RIGHT ABOUT HIM ALL ALONG, WASN'T I?
I HAVEN'T
TOLD YOU THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YET.

TRACE
PRESS
NH.
WAIT
JUST RELAX...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEND ME FLYING AGAIN
HAH

I'M IN
HAH...
HAAH
HAH...
AAH...!
SHINNOU-SUKE...
Relax.
HAAH...!
SHUT UP
YOU'RE SO TENSE SHIN-CHAN
HAH
HAH.
Right now let's go For it
Eh ?

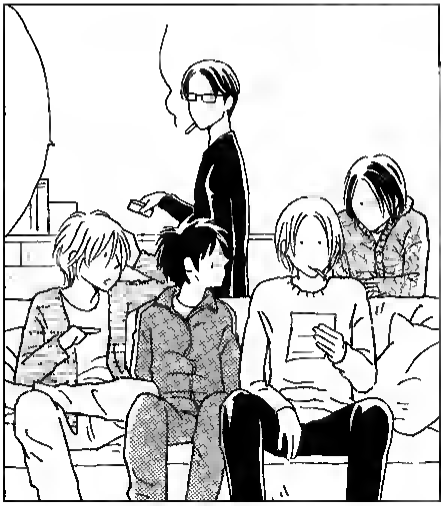
HOW COME RYUU-NII'S THE ONLY ONE IN A GOOD MOOD?
I THINK I CAN GUESS WHY

UM. WELL, THANKS... FOR EVERYTHING...
A-all of you
ring ring
ring ring
Too close
WHAT?
NO, IT DOESN'T.
...DOESN'T THIS KIND OF MAKE HIM OUR BROTHER-IN-LAW?
HELLO...
GEH, DAD?
"Geh"?
I PAID TO GO ON OUR COMPANY'S POLAR BEAR AURORA TOUR
AND WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THINGS STRAIGHT AFTER
OH YEAH, IT WAS MY OWN FAULT FOR NOT NOTIFYING THE COMPANY PROPERLY THAT I WAS TAKING A HOLIDAY
beep
HA
HA
HA
Funny, is it?

HONESTLY YOU'RE JUST AS MUCH TROUBLE AS EVER, DEAR.
I EVEN SWITCHED MY MOBILE OFF SO I COULD ENJOY IT FULLY
ANYWAY IT WAS A WONDERFUL TRIP SO CLOSE TO MOTHER NATURE
So his actual job was just an after-thought?
POLAR BEAR TOUR
Doesn't he have a mobile phone?
TO FAIRBANKS, SWEETIE.
SO YOU REALLY DID GO TO SEATTLE ON YOUR BUSINESS TRIP?
...WHAT, IN ALASKA?!
EH...? MUM?
OH, HI SHIN-CHAN. ARE YOU BACK AGAIN?
WE MET AGAIN UNDER THE AURORA LIGHTS. IT WAS SO MAGICAL JUST AS IF FATE HAD REUNITED US.
THAT'S RIGHT
UM, MUM?

YOU'VE BECOME A FINE YOUNG MAN NOW
AND I NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT SETTLING DOWN WITH SOMEONE AS I GROW OLDER
She seems pretty nencha lant about it
You never told me that
YOUR DADDY HAD A WEAK CONSTITUTION, AND HE GAVE UP THE GHOST BEFORE WE COULD GET MARRIED.
LISTEN, SHIN-CHAN
HUH...?
WHAT...?
BESIDES, THIS MAN IS SO BOLD AND OVER-CONFIDENT THAT HE'S BOUND TO LAST A LONG TIME YET
HEY NOW THAT'S MEAN!
HA
HA
HA
..UUUM.

WELCOME TO THE FOLD, NII-CHAN!
THANKS...
You're awesome Dad!
Why?
Home Drama - End



SHIN-CHAN'S ROOM
Shin-chan's
Room (provisional)
Knock before entering!!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!
WH-WHO IS IT?!
IT'S JUST ME.
WHAT IS IT?
AH... HO HOLD ON A MOMENT...
BANG
CRASH
..

MOVE
OH. YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
WE'LL HAVE TO CALL IN A HOUSE-KEEPER FOR THE TIMES WHEN YOU'RE NOT HERE, SINCE YOU HAVE YOUR REAL JOB TO GO TO AS WELL
ABOUT YOUR JOB... NO, ABOUT THE HOUSE WORK I WAS WONDERING HOW MUCH OF IT YOU'LL STILL BE TAKING CARE OF?
DID YOU WANT TO DISCUSS THIS IN THE DOORWAY?
BAR
—WHAT?
AH... UM, WELL...
CAN IT WAIT UNTIL I'VE TALKED TO MY GRAN ABOUT IT? I'M NOT SURE HOW OFTEN SHE'LL NEED ME TO WORK
SURE, I DON'T MIND, BUT

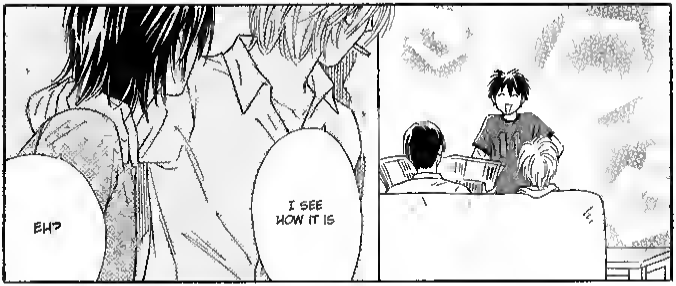
THAT'S ALRIGHT, THEN
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER OR SOMETHING? YOUR FACE IS A BIT FLUSHED
NO, I'M FINE
s h u t
HAAH
DO YOU THINK SO .?
Kinda happy
NH .
WELL, WELL
IS IT JUST ME, OR HAS OUR ELDEST KOUJI WARMED UP TO YOU A LOT MORE EVER SINCE YOU BECAME PART OF THE FAMILY?

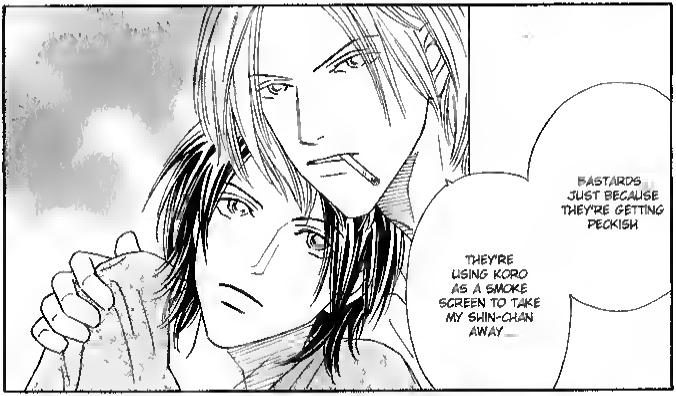
MAN, WHY DO WE HAVE TO BE SO SECRETIVE ABOUT THIS IN OUR OWN HOUSE?
Sigh
HERE
HM?
W.. WAIT...
I NEED A CIGARETTE TOO KOUJI ALMOST BARGING IN MADE ME BREAK OUT IN COLD SWEAT...
COME ON, I'M PRETTY SURE EVERYONE EXCEPT KORO KNOWS ABOUT US ANYWAY
YOU KNOW WHY
BUT... THINGS HAVE CHANGED NOW...
OFFICIALLY, WE'RE BROTHERS NOW... SO... I DON'T THINK WE CAN BE OPEN ABOUT THIS...
ESPECIALLY IN THIS HOUSE WHERE MY MUM AND TOURA-SAN COULD WALK IN AT ANY MOMENT

UM, COULD YOU LOOK AT THIS?
WHAT'S WRONG?
knock
knock
IT SHOULD BE "DADDY" NOW...
heh
"TOURA-SAN"?
I DON'T KNOW. CAN YOU GET IT OUT?
HM. PROBABLY.
WHAT'S THIS. ? NOT PAINT, IS IT. ?
WE DEFINITELY NEED TO MOVE YOU TO A ROOM WITH A LOCK ON THE DOOR.
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
DON'T YOU THINK KYOUGO'S BEEN GETTING MORE CLINGY RECENTLY AS WELL? COMING TO BUG YOU IN YOUR ROOM FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
THAT'S JUST BECAUSE IT'S HIS SCHOOL UNIFORM, SO IT'S URGENT
I'LL HAVE IT READY BY TOMORROW.
OKAY THANKS
SHUT

SHIN-NII
♡
LET'S WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER.
DVD
ZOMBI VS ROBOT-MAN
FINE, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
SHUT
YOW!
HEY HEY HEY WE HAVEN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING YET.
boo
boo
ARE YOU SURE KORO DOESN'T KNOW?
HM?
IT'S JUST IT SEEMS A BIT PRE-PLANNED.
Coming in one after the after

I SEE...
HE SAID HE'S COMING!
hehe
GOOD FOR YOU
HUH? COME TO THINK OF IT, RYUU-NII'S NOT HERE... DID HE GO OUT?
KOROOO, WANNA EAT PANCAKES?
HELL YEAH!
PANCAKES
I HOPE SO. THEN HE WON'T SPOIL THE MOVIE FOR US
CLACK
AH! I CAN ASK SHIN-NII TO MAKE THEM FOR US!
THEN WE CAN ALL EAT THEM TOGETHER WHILE WE WATCH THE MOVIE...





Shin-chan's Room - End